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Wide gap between Newry and SAD 44 withdrawal proposals

*SAD 44's proposal would have Newry pay same
(or more) after withdrawal as it does now*

BY ALISON ALOISIO

The gap between the Newry Withdrawal Committee's initial proposal for a withdrawal agreement with SAD 44 and the counterproposal draft the district sent back last week looked so wide that some at the Newry committee meeting wondered how they could find common ground.

Newry is expected to vote several months from now on whether to leave SAD 44. As part of the process, the town and the district are negotiating a 10-year agreement to settle debts and assets, and provide a plan to educate the town's students.

In its initial proposal the Newry committee also offered a plan which, instead of shifting immediately to simply paying tuition to SAD 44, would ease the financial impact on the district by gradually reducing the town's contribution to the school budget over four years by means of a "Stabilization Fund." Newry currently pays about \$2.9 million annually.

However, the district's

counteroffer instead proposed effectively keeping the overall amount paid by Newry, through the Stabilization Fund, at the same funding level as it is now for the entire 10-year period of the agreement, and also adds on other costs for a total over and above what Newry pays now, according to Dr. Mark Eastman, the Newry committee's educational consultant, and Dan Stockford, the committee's legal consultant.

SAD 44 Director Marcel Polak, who chairs the district's Withdrawal Committee that drew up the counterproposal, later confirmed the intent of the counterproposal "is for Newry to pay the same to SAD 44. It's possible they may have to pay more if the expenses (e.g. superintendent) of managing their own school system are factored in."

A SAD 44 position paper (see Page 3) that accompanied the counterproposal, said Polak, "speaks for the committee."

Other key features
The counterproposal would

also increase the amount Newry had proposed to pay toward district debt, potential legal costs and some other expenses.

Newry had proposed settling its share of the district's debt (on such projects as the Telstar track and boiler) by paying an amount based on the percent of students it has in SAD 44: 4.4 percent, or about 25 students. The proposal showed a lump sum payment of approximately \$79,000 on a total debt figure the town had listed at the time at about \$1.8 million.

The district counterproposal would require continuing contributions to debt service as part of the Stabilization Fund for the 10 years, on total debt shown as totaling about \$2.63 million as of June 30, 2016.

And after the 10-year agreement period ends, Stockford explained, the counterproposal also has Newry responsible for a 37.5 percent share of two existing debt obligations that would continue

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Newry voters approve bus funds, roadwork

BY ALISON ALOISIO

Newry voters Tuesday approved \$7,500 for the struggling Mountain Explorer bus service and \$300,000 to reconstruct the Sunday River Road near the Letter S swimming hole.

The approximately 65 voters who turned out for the annual Town Meeting also approved looking into a \$1 million bond to make improvements on a three-mile stretch of the Sunday River Road.

Bus
The local liaison committee for the Mountain Explorer seasonal bus had asked for \$10,000, up from the previous year's \$5,000, citing a decline in available state/federal grant funding as well as declines in local business contributions to support the service. Matching funds are required to access the grant money.

The bus has been touted as

a way to reduce traffic and keep drinking bar patrons from driving. Its budget for this year was \$167,000.

Some voters were skeptical of the request.

Brad Wight said the service "doesn't really help out the town much," and Alan Fleet said only about five Newry businesses benefit from it.

But Steve Wight said residents "often downgrade having Sunday River [Resort, the end destination of the bus in Newry] in town. 'It is the engine that keeps us alive here,' he said. 'Without Sunday River, this would be a very different place.'"

Newly-elected Selectman Jim Largess, who works for Sunday River, said supporting the bus was a matter of Newry answering the question of whether it wants "to support the hospitality-driven industry or not?"

Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Direc-

tor Robin Zinchuk said that early in the life of the bus, which began in 2001, there was a lot of business support, but as time went by some started taking it for granted.

The Chamber had been involved in helping to establish the service, but had pulled back and put the responsibility for continuing it in the hands of the committee, she said. Now, with the service's troubles, the BACC has gotten involved again to drum up support and is seeing some response, she said. Some businesses, she said, had not been aware of the financial problems.

Pat Roma, a liaison committee member, said that for the past two months 11,000 riders have used the service, almost 5,000 of them in February.

Resident Norm Clanton said he had little interest in "subsidizing folks going to a bar," but the service could have value in keeping them from getting behind the wheel.

Others said some local Sunday River employees depend on the bus for transportation to work, and to get to Bethel to deposit their paychecks.

Brad Wight wondered if

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Bethel Rec Department
Cal Ripken Baseball/Softball and Babe Ruth
Registration Forms are due
March 16
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http://www.bethelmaine.org/Pages/BethelME_Recreation/INDEX
Questions? Please contact Skip at bethelmainebasball@gmail.com or Bethel Recreation Director at recreationdirector@bethelmaine.org

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Alex Strugatskiy of Vassalboro is an experienced mountain biker, but hopped on a "fat bike" for the first time last week at Carter's Cross Country Ski Center in Bethel. Strugatskiy and his wife, Dr. Catherine Chamberlin, D.O., and their children will be moving to Bethel in the spring, where Dr. Chamberlin will be the new medical provider at the Bethel Family Health Center.

A. Chapman

'Fat bikes' take to local trails

BY AMY CHAPMAN

If you're an avid cyclist, you may have been watching the snow pile up this winter and wondering how long it will be before you can get back out on the roads or trails.

The answer may be: not as long as you think.

Fat Bike Fest 2015 comes to Bethel this weekend, hosted by Carter's Cross Country Ski Center and the Green Machine Bike Shop of Norway.

It's a chance for anyone who wants to learn more about "fat bikes"—rugged but lightweight, all-terrain cycles with wide tires that let bikers continue their outdoor rides year-round—to try one out

and find out what it's like to ride the snow-covered trails.

The event will be held on Sunday at Carter's Bethel location at 786 Intervale Road. Anne Carter said a \$10 fee lets people bring their own bikes to use on the center's trails, or take a ride on one of the nine demo bikes, four from Green Machine and five from Bethel Bicycle.

Carter's has been renting fat bikes from Green Machine at both their Bethel and Oxford locations all season. The non-profit Outdoor Center in Newry has partnered with Bethel Bicycle and also offers bikes for rent.

Bethel Bicycle owner Peter Southam has had a fat

bike of his own since 2013, using it to get outdoors and continue his passion for cycling throughout the winter and spring. He sold "a bunch of them" in his shop before it closed for the season in November, and estimates that there are at least a dozen people in the Bethel area who are regular fat bike riders.

"What I've found works best in the winter is riding on snowmobile trails and logging roads," Southam said.

He said it can be hard to ride in soft, powder snow, but conditions on packed trails are ideal right now.

Outdoor Center staffer Helen Cooper said people

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Route 2 bridge work delayed

BY ALISON ALOISIO

A repair project for the Route 2 bridge over the Androscoggin in Bethel has been postponed to next year.

Originally planned to begin this month, the work instead is expected to take place between April and September of 2016, according to Bethel Town Manager Christine Landes.

Landes and other town officials, along with a Sunday

River Resort representative, met with the Maine Department of Transportation last week to discuss utility issues related to the project, she said.

The question of whether to have one-way, alternating traffic or build a temporary bridge beside the current one has been answered. Traffic will alternate, using a traffic light, Landes said. Each green light will last about three minutes, MDOT officials said last year at a public hearing on the project.

The bridge, built in 1968, needs its concrete decking replaced and has rust and corrosion problems underneath, engineer Garrett Gustafson said then. In addition, "scouring" of the river bed around the support piers will require placement of rip rap or concrete/cable mats around them for stabilization.

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BFD BBQ dollars at work

BY ALISON ALOISIO

Nine people, two dogs and a Volkswagen.

Those are the "saves" notched so far with the Bethel Fire Department's 12-year-old rescue boat.

Also in their arsenal of specialty equipment is a rescue sled, an ATV, an offroad water tanker/trailer, a thermal imaging camera, a fuel spill response trailer and a Rapid Intervention Team trailer.

It's your summer chicken barbecue dollars at work. When the Bethel Fire Department fires up its grills on

Mollycodd Day, the money raised goes to help fund equipment that Fire Chief Mike Jodrey says is not often used, but can be critical in certain fire or rescue situations. Over the past 10 years of purchasing this equipment, the department has used it, with the frequency predicted, in just those circumstances.

A visible documentation is on the rescue boat, which has a "save" sticker for each rescue.

In 2005 the boat was used to rescue two dogs who fell through the ice on the An-

droscoggin River.

Since then there have been people rescues and assists, usually related to capsized watercraft. In one case they responded late one summer night to a capsized boat in North Pond, which left several partners in the water. By the time they got there, pond residents had rescued them. "We cleaned up the mess from the boat," said Fire Chief Mike Jodrey. "It looked like the Titanic had gone down." They also towed

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Telstar High School Parents
You are invited to
Parent-Teacher Conferences
Thursday, March 12th, 4-7:30pm
Wednesday, March 18th, 4-7:30pm
Interested parents/guardians are asked to call 824-2136

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Letters

LOCAL SKIER NEEDS SUPPORT

To the Editor:

Did you hear the news? Marcus Wentworth qualified for the New England Junior National team!

Marcus is local kid from Bryant Pond, who skied as a grade schooler with the Woodstock Elementary after-school ski program. He was identified early in Middle School as having strong interest in the sport, and even though his family was not involved in the Bethel Outing Club (BOC) at the time, Marcus became involved in the BOC's Bill Koch League (BKL) program. Had it not been for super-storm Nemo, Marcus would have traveled to Boston to represent the BOC at the BKL Festival as an eighth grader. Marcus went to Gould Academy as a freshman, where his training volume and intensity increased and he was able to travel and race beyond Maine. He competed in many Eastern Cup races last season and got a taste of the high level of competition in New England. Although he wasn't in contention for the New England team last year, he did come home and qualify for the Maine Under 16 team and Eastern High School team as a freshman, where he turned in top results. With increased enthusiasm for the sport, he committed to training throughout the summer and fall, and has approached each Eastern Cup this winter with focus and determination. It is worth noting that only the top six skiers aged 14 and 15 are able to travel with the New England team to Truckee, Calif. for the Junior Nationals, so each Eastern Cup is a precious opportunity to have a good result, lower one's points (in ski racing, low points are better) and distinguish yourself from the 50 to 100 other competitors Marcus' age seeking a berth on this team.

For Marcus, his chance to qualify came down to the final weekend of competition, a 5km skate race at Oak Hill, Dartmouth's home course, and a 5km classic race at Holderness. Marcus rose to the occasion and finished fourth in both races, lowering his points just enough to squeak onto the team in the final qualifying position. He is the only athlete his age from Maine to make this team, and among only a handful of athletes to represent Maine on the New England Junior National Team. When Marcus travels to California, he will have a New England suit on, but his presence on the team and hopefully his success in those races will reflect well on Gould Academy, the Bethel Outing Club, Telstar Middle School and Woodstock Elementary School, signifying to the larger ski community that we have a development system that can support athletes at a high level.

Marcus' accomplishments certainly deserve community support.

His trip to the Junior Nationals will cost \$2,250 plus a plane ticket, which we approximate to be about \$800, although fares are certainly climbing with each passing day.

The BOC has a long tradition of supporting our local athletes, but we can't do it alone. Marcus' family has written the check for the trip fee, but can we pull together as a community and fly him to California?

Our fundraising goal should be \$800. Maybe someone even has Frequent Flyer miles that they'd consider donating? If you're willing to support Marcus' trip to Junior Nationals please contact us as soon as possible with a verbal commitment. Checks can follow, please address them to: Bethel Outing Club, c/o Julia Reuter, PO Box 637, Bethel, Maine 04217.

Time is of the essence, if you are willing to help, please be in touch soon.

Norm Greenberg, Wade Kavanaugh,
Jeremy Nellis and Brad Clarke
The Bethel Outing Club

MAHOOSUC ARTS THANKS

To the Editor:

The Mahoosuc Arts Council would like to sincerely thank the many community members and businesses for the extraordinary show of support during our annual phone-a-thon and annual fund drive over the past few months. We are pleased to have received some new gifts and increases to pledges from previous donors. This greatly validates our efforts to bring high-quality programs in the performing and visual arts and humanities into our community and schools.

Supporting the mission of the Mahoosuc Arts Council to advance the arts and humanities in the school systems and adult communities of western Maine not only has significant cultural and educational impact, it also has broad economic impact. The council employs Maine visual and performing artists; The council builds opportunities for small businesses in the arts; The council's events draw thousands of visitors to Western Maine who also patronize inns, restaurants, gift shops, gas stations, grocery stores, camp grounds, galleries and more.

Also, as promised, we are pleased to announce the three donors whose names were drawn to receive a piece of original art from a Bethel Art Fair exhibit: Dr. John Mason is the winner of a hand-turned pen by We Be Pens; Cynthia and David Bobbe are the winners of the a mountain panorama by Scott Perry; Ken Hotopp and Robin Correll are the winners of a hand-painted plaque by Pinky's Creations. Congratulations and thanks to you all.

Great thanks also goes to those who have donated time, given in-kind gifts, offered moral support, or attended performances over all of the years.

Aranka Matolcsy
Executive Director, Mahoosuc Arts Council

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TMS PTA THANKS

To the Editor:

The Telstar Middle School Parent Teacher Association would like to thank our local Dunkin Donuts and Viewers Choice Video in Bethel for their continued support.

This is the second year in a row Dunkin Donuts has helped us obtain 250 Community mugs, all of which have been sold for \$10 each. We put all of this money back into TMS. They are also donating four dozen muffins every month towards our "Muffin Wednesday". Viewers Choice has donated the movies for the PTA Movie Night we try to hold every month. There will be one on March 20.

The next TMS PTA meeting is April 6 in the High School library at 6 p.m.

Ken Briggs, Secretary
TMS PTA

Notes from the State House

BY FRAN HEAD

I'd like to discuss two important opportunities for my constituents: the need for lawmakers to hear from you directly at public hearings, as well as the unclaimed property program from the state treasury.

First and foremost, each proposed bill before a committee is assigned a public hearing date. This is your chance to be heard, and to influence elected officials. Right now, I serve on the Health and Human Services Committee. As we make decisions on which bills should move forward, the input from members of the public is informative. I have found it to be genuinely rewarding to hear about which programs are the most important to real Maine families from every corner of our state.

Below you will find a list of the different committees, made up of State Representatives and State Senators:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Criminal Justice and Public Safety, Education and Cultural Affairs, Energy, Utilities and Technology, Environment and Natural Resources, Health and Human Services, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Insurance and Financial Services, Judiciary, Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development, Marine Resources, State and Local Government, Taxation, Transportation, Veterans and Legal Affairs, Joint Select Committee on Joint Rules, Government Oversight Committee.

If there are any subjects of particular interest or importance to you, I encourage you to visit legislature.maine.gov, and you may search for specific bills. I can always be reached to discuss pending legislation, or to assist with public testimony. I'm looking forward to seeing more of my constituents at the State House to share your concerns and suggestions on matters of importance.

Now, to discuss unclaimed property. Every year, the state treasurer collects unclaimed property from hundreds of Maine people who do not know that they are owed anything. I have been given the list of my constituents who have property owed to them, and have been working to contact these people.

The Treasurer's Office charges no fee for processing your Maine claims. Unclaimed Property consists of money and other personal assets that are considered lost or abandoned when an owner cannot be located after a specified period of time. Unclaimed Property does not include real estate, animals or vehicles.

The process is very simple to check to see if you are on this list. I've been hearing stories about legislators who find thousands of dollars for their constituents—and I would like you to be one of them. Please, take a few moments to search online at Maine.Gov/UPSearch

It is a privilege to serve the residents of House District 117. If you ever have concerns about current legislation, I can be contacted at

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The Bethel Journals

Bethel's Wyman-Corn and Blueberry Connections

BY DONALD J. BENNETT

In the frozen food department of the Bethel Food Liner you can usually expect to find frozen berries and especially frozen wild blue berries in blue packages labeled "Wyman's of Maine". For Bethel citizens and farmers of the 1890s the name Wyman was a household word: Jasper and Edgar Wyman of Milbridge, Maine in Washington County had purchased the coming canning business of the New York importer Wolf and Reessing in 1889. In 1887 170 farmers were paid \$7,000 for their corn.

The New Yorkers brought the canning of sweet corn to Bethel in 1880 when the firm leased the old mill property formerly owned by Eber Clough. The old buildings stood next to the high dam on Mill Brook. For seven years the operation was successful until 1888 when the corn crop turned out well below average.

In April 1889, the Wymans purchased the business; in December 1889 at a special town meeting it was voted to appropriate \$2,500 to purchase land and build a corn shop. (The new canning plant was next to the railroad and near today's station/information center/ Chamber of Commerce office.) Later the Wymans moved equipment and some of the building from the Clough Mill Brook site to the new factory.

A.M. (Gus) Carter was manager for the Wymans and spent considerable time lining up farmers to raise corn and lima beans for canning. In 1891 Carter's job was taken over by Eber Clough Jr. and in 1892 the Wyman's had their best year for corn - 300,000 cans were shipped. By rail the Bethel corn went to New York, Chicago and to the Pacific states. As many as 23 rail car loads left Bethel carrying canned corn.

During the 1890s the Wymans were canning corn, sardines, lobsters, clams and blueberries in four locations: Cherryfield, Columbia, Bethel, Readfield, East Corinth and Milbridge. Town reports showed that the Wymans paid \$150 annually to the town for rent of the corn shop. (The Bethel Chair Company paid \$595 annually for rent of the chair factory which was also owned by the town and valued at \$8,000.)

During 1901 the Wymans ended their corn canning businesses. Bethel's corn canning continued however until 1927 under different owners and managers. One of the "corn shop" buildings is now the Funky Red Barn after it had been moved to Summer Street in 1932. Fritz Tyler of Bethel was the last owner of our local corn cannery.

The second Wyman-Bethel connection began in 1968 when Frederick Kneeland (1928-2001), formerly of West Bethel, accepted the position of vice president of Wyman Can-

ning Industries of Milbridge, Maine. Bethel Citizen of June 27, 1968 had this headline: "Kneeland Honored at Testimonial in Augusta. A testimonial dinner was given by the Legislative body and officers of the state at the Augusta Holiday Inn. Kneeland had left the State House on June 1 after serving six years as Legislative Finance Officer. He was the State's first legislative finance officer.

The Citizen news reported that Mr. Kneeland is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Kneeland of West Bethel, and is married to the former Barbara Jordan of Auburn. They have four children.

Twelve from Bethel and Hanover attended the dinner at Augusta: Norman Ferguson, Hanover; Louise Lincoln, Bethel; Frederick's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Kneeland of West Bethel; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith; Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Grover, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Loton Hutchinson; and Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Gilbert.

Frederick W. "Bud" Kneeland was born in West Bethel, Sept. 30, 1928, the son of Roland and Libbie L. (Goodrich) Kneeland. He graduated from Gould in 1945, served two years in the Marines, majored in accounting at Bryant College, then was an accountant for Hanover Dowel Co. for four years before joining the Maine State Police where he rose to the rank of sergeant followed by his appointment as Legislative Financial Officer in 1962; then in 1968 he assumed his new position as vice president of Wyman's.

In 1963 Frederick Kneeland, who was then president of Jasper Wyman & Son, the largest processor of wild berries, created a new wild blueberry business, and with Robert Foster created Maine Wild Blueberry Co. located in Machias. Maine Wild Blueberry grew quickly by buying up excess production from hundreds of small local growers rather than growing its own. A 1992 article about Maine Wild Blueberries gave a glimpse as to the size of this business: Maine Wild Blueberry processed and sold \$20 million worth of blueberries each year compared to Jasper Wyman's \$26 million.

In 1997 the Maine Wild Blueberry Company joined (was purchased by) the Oxford Food Group of Oxford, Nova Scotia. The acquisition by Oxford Food Group made this company the largest Wild Blueberry processing company in the world according to the group's website.

Frederick Kneeland passed away in 2001; his burial was at Pine Grove Cemetery, West Bethel.

Note: the 1968 Citizen and the 19th century Oxford County newspapers spelled Milbridge as Millbridge - all current online WebPages spell the town name with double ell including the town.



The Town of
Bethel corn
canning buildings
near the rail-
road, rented by
Wyman's.

Our Back Pages

BY DANNA BROWN
NICKERSON

10 years ago: Dorothy York, former owner of Martha's Restaurant, retired from Northeast Bank where she had worked as a teller since 1987.

The freshman class at Gould Academy traveled to Hungary as part of the school's Four Points Program.

The Funky Red Barn opened in Bethel.

Births: Kaydence Maricia Kathleen Morse, Brian Gerald Moore, Lily Alice Schofield, John Curtis Ezra Winslow, Allen White, Ashely Ann Richardson, Sage Alice Leonard, Gabrielle Mabel Groves, Eliza May Gillis, Tanner Lance Bean-Bickford.

Deaths: Howard MacKillop, Marilyn I. Curtis.

20 years ago: A barn belonging to Scott and Wendy Annis on East Bethel Road as destroyed by fire. Three cows and three piglets survived.

Hordes of Telemark skiers descended on Sunday River for the World Cup and United States National Championship races.

Deaths: Richard M. Grover, Richard N. Henderson, Jr., Alton C. Fish, Calvin L. Reavis.

30 years ago: Newry's Annual Town Meeting was held at the new Municipal Building.

The last hot-metal letterpress edition of The Citizen was printed on the plant's sheet-fed Miehle cylinder press on March 7.

Deaths: Lenwood A. Verrill, David W. Miller, Mrs. Doris Clukey.

40 years ago: By a narrow margin of 23 to 21, residents of Andover voted \$40,000 for a new town garage.

A number of workers had been laid off at the Newton & Tebbets mill due to lack of orders, and the mill was on a four-day week schedule.

Births: Kevin Wayne Morton, Jason Sicotte.

Deaths: Mrs. Julia C. Harding, Mrs. Barbara V. Thornton, Mrs. Velzora Trites, Mrs. Carrie C. Stearns.

50 years ago: Family ski races at both Mt. Abram and Sunday River were highlights of the Bethel Chamber of Commerce Winter Carnival.

At the regular meeting of the Bethel CB Monitors, the first edition of the club newspaper was introduced.

Death: Daniel R. Smith.

60 years ago: Miss Jane Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Smith of Bethel, was crowned Queen of the Gould Academy Winter Carnival.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Thurston returned home from several weeks visit with their son Howard and family in Houston, Texas.

Births: John Stewart Wiley, Mary Ellen Andrews.

Deaths: William H. House, Mrs. Anna C. Brown, Mrs. Elmer C. (Stella) Allen, Clyde O. Brooks, Rev. Hervey W. Chapman.

70 years ago: The amount of money raised by appropriation at the annual Bethel town meeting was \$48,740.43.

It was voted to close the upper grades of the schools at East and West Bethel at the town meeting.

Ralph Burris bought the building occupied by the A&P store.

80 years ago: O'Neil Robertson of the Bethel Boy Scout Troop was selected to represent the troop at the National Jamboree in Washington.

Forty persons were naturalized at the March term of Superior Court at Rumford.

Deaths: L.M. Blanchard, Caleb Morrill, Marion Cushman.

90 years ago: A heavy shower accompanied by much thunder and lightning passed over Bethel.

A special committee on village school building recommended to the town: (1) larger building accommodations absolutely necessary, (2) that a new building, separate from the brick building be erected.

The pews for the Christian Science Church were installed.

110 years ago: The trustees of the Bethel Library association announced that the dinner held at Odeon Hall to support the library cleared \$20.55.

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Fat Bikes

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have been excited to try the bikes out on the cross country ski trails.

"A lot of people who have rented them were trying them out for the first time," she said, adding that some are experienced mountain bikers but had never had an opportunity to ride on snow. Mike Cooper, manager of the Outdoor Center, said when snow conditions are soft, the bikes are used on specified trails to prevent damage to the groomed cross country ski trails.

"In harder snow conditions, we allow them on all the trails," he said. "It's an activity that melds fairly well with skiing."

Southam often rides his bike on snowmobile trails in the National Forest. By using the trail network, he said that with enough stamina, he could ride all the way to Lovell from his home in Albany.

A typical ride for him is 14 miles, which takes him about two hours. Because the wide, soft tires require more effort to propel, he said mileage on a fat bike is equivalent to at least twice the mileage of road biking.

For fitness enthusiasts whose preferred activity is biking, Southam said, "it's another way to get out on a bike, better than being in the basement on a trainer all winter."

Under their agreement with the Outdoor Center, Bethel Bicycle provides the bikes, helmets, and any need-

ed maintenance.

Unlike road bikes or traditional mountain bikes, Southam said fat bike tire maintenance is minimal.

The tires have only about eight to ten pounds per square inch of pressure, compared to 30 to 50 pounds for mountain bike tires and 80 pounds or more for road bikes.

"There's not a big pressure difference between the tires and the air, so they almost never go flat," Southam said. "And in the winter, when they're being ridden on snow, everything stays so clean that the drive train rarely needs maintenance."

He said people use fat bikes in all seasons, on several different kinds of terrain, and he anticipates that the market will continue to grow.

"You can ride them year-round on regular mountain bike trails. People on the coast buy them for riding on the beach. They can be used in snow, sand, or mud."

"The great thing about it for this area is that it's a great 'shoulder season' sport," Southam said. "A patch of bare ground on the trails doesn't matter, and you can come out of the woods anytime and ride on the road."

Sunday's Fat Bike Fest at Carter's Cross Country Ski Center runs from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., and will feature group rides, plenty of outdoor fun, and a beer tent. Ski and snowshoe rentals will also be available. For more information, call Carter's at 824-3880 or Green Machine at 739-2324.

Wide Gap

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beyond the 10 years. That percentage is based on Newry's proportion of property valuation in the district - the same model under which Newry currently pays its share of the overall school budget. That figure would be paid in a lump sum at the time of withdrawal. The amount was shown "by way of illustration" in the counterproposal to be about \$250,000.

The 37.5 percent share would also apply to future potential legal claims or audit-related obligations of the district.

But the 37.5 percent did not carry over to what Newry would be paid back for its share of SAD 44's undesignated fund balance at the time of withdrawal. The Newry committee had proposed the 4.4 percent-calculated amount be paid back to the town. Instead, SAD 44 proposed 0 percent.

Under another provision of the counterproposal, Newry would be required to become a member of the Region 9 School of Applied Technology in Mexico and share in those costs.

The Newry Withdrawal Committee had also initially proposed an additional Targeted Grants Fund for SAD 44, an amount of money that would be determined annually at the Newry Town Meeting. Distributions would be determined by the new Newry School Committee, after recommendations from a committee made up of three representatives appointed by that committee and two appointed by the SAD 44 School Board. The funds would "be directed to projects and activities that will increase the quality of education for all students."

But the SAD 44 counterproposal has added the statement, "Expenditures of any Targeted Education Funds shall be subject to the discretion of the SAD 44 School Board."

'Not surprising'

Eastman and Stockford said they were not surprised by the counterproposal.

"They don't want Newry to withdraw, so it's not surprising," said Stockford.

Bonnie Largess, the town's SAD 44 representative on both the School Board and the Newry committee, cited the potential financial impact on the district of a Newry withdrawal. "It's going to be huge to the district. Of course they're going to go to bat with 100 percent," she said.

Another committee member, William Andrews, wondered if a mediator might be needed to help with an agreement. "What do we have in common?" he asked.

Stockford said he would save any discussion of a me-

diator for executive session.

In the audience at the committee meeting was resident Gary Drown, who also wondered how negotiations could proceed. "It seems like we're a million miles away. Why would we start negotiations that far out? Is it of any value to meet with people that are this far away from where we stand?" he asked.

Replied Stockford, "In order to have the vote on withdrawal and move forward with withdrawal, there needs to be an agreement between this committee and SAD 44. That's the reality of the way the withdrawal law works. I agree it's a difficult negotiation, based on where we're starting from and where they're starting from. But ultimately the committee needs to negotiate toward some kind of an agreement."

Added Eastman, "There are a variety of philosophies about how you approach negotiations, including more amiable interest-based negotiations. The old strategy was: You start here, we start there, and hopefully the middle is more beneficial for us than for you. I don't know if that's the philosophical basis here. It seems, as we look at it here, like they're 180 degrees away from where we were, but to me that's all part of negotiations, all part of the process. It's a process that you've got to start and see where you are, and see how much movement you can get."

Andrews speculated that because SAD 44 does not want Newry to withdraw, "they presented us with something that makes it costly to withdraw, so if they don't back down, we're not going to withdraw."

The committee then went into executive session to talk specifics of its negotiations strategy. The panel was scheduled to meet face-to-face with the district negotiators yesterday (Wednesday).

Once SAD 44 and Newry negotiate a final agreement, it would have to be approved by the Maine Department of Education before going to a vote in Newry. A two-thirds majority of those voting would be required for the town to actually withdraw.

If approved, the effective withdrawal date would be July 1, 2016.

Largess defeats Morton for selectman

BY TERRY KARKOS
SUN MEDIA WIRE

Former Selectman James Largess got the nod Monday night from Town Meeting voters, ousting Selectman Albert Brooks Morton.

Largess received 92 votes to Morton's 79.

Three years ago, Morton was elected by a two-vote margin over Largess, who had served three consecutive terms as selectman.

Largess' wife, Bonnie, was overwhelmingly re-elected to the SAD 44 board to fill a two-year term. She received 143 votes. Others receiving

votes were Gary Drown, two votes; Tama Drown, two votes; and Pat Roma, Doug Webster and Seneca Corriveau, each receiving one vote. There were also 21 blanks, Deputy Clerk Kelly Scott said by email.

SAD 44 Director Whitney Gray was re-elected to fill a one-year term with 148 votes. Gary Drown received two votes, and Tama Drown, Doug Webster and Seneca Corriveau each received one vote. There were 17 blanks.

Since Jim Largess won the three-year selectman seat, the board will have to

decide how to resolve a conflict involving this and the town's SAD 44 Withdrawal Committee. Morton, who is on that committee, will have to step down since he was defeated at the polls, committee lawyer Dan Stockford said last October.

Selectmen will have to choose another selectman to serve on the committee, either Gary Wight or Largess. Selectmen Chairman Wendy Hanscom can't be on the committee, because she is employed by SAD 44 and reports to the superintendent, with whom the committee would have to

negotiate.

Wight's wife also works for SAD 44, but Stockford didn't say Wight can't be on the committee. Bonnie Largess isn't employed by the district. However, she serves on the four-member Withdrawal Committee. So, theoretically, the Largesses might vote together on issues before the committee.

Selectmen were expected to meet Wednesday (yesterday) to review Town Meeting and to discuss the potential ramifications of a selectman and his wife serving on the Withdrawal Committee.

Newry

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the service could charge for rides.

Craig Zurhorst of Western Maine Transportation, which operates the service, said it has to be free to be eligible for the grant funds.

He also said there was not yet a specific budget or schedule plan for next year, and it would be adapted and reduced as needed depending on what funds can be raised. Bethel will also be asked for \$10,000.

A motion was made to amend the \$10,000 to \$5,000, which was approved, but that amount was then amended to \$7,500, which was given final approval 32-21.

Road, ordinances

Voters approved taking \$150,000 from the Capital Improvement Account and raising another \$150,000 from taxes for the reconstruction of the deteriorating section of the Sunday River Road near the Letter S. They considered for a time rolling the work into the potential \$1 million



BUS FUNDS APPROVED-Newry residents vote on \$7,500 for the Mountain Explorer bus service.

bond option, but it would not be as extensive a rebuild, selectmen said. The residents eventually approved the Letter S work to be done separately, and for selectmen to look into the bond for the rest.

In ordinance-related articles, changes to the Residential Life Safety and Fire Sup-

pression ordinance, as well as to the Planning Board ordinance, were approved.

A parking ordinance was defeated, with concerns expressed that it would not be enforceable. A road entrance ordinance was also turned down, with some citing confusion in the wording that might be construed to pre-

vent such objects as newspaper boxes from being placed in a road right of way by a driveway.

The other articles on the warrant were approved. The total municipal budget is \$840,041.

The meeting lasted about two hours and was moderated by Dave Duguay of Roxbury.

SAD 44 position paper on Newry withdrawal

The following position paper accompanied SAD 44's counterproposal sent to the Newry Withdrawal Committee last week. It included two tables presenting information on the education mill rate for SAD 44 towns compared to neighboring districts. Because of space they are not included, but summary figures are provided in brackets in the text.

1. Introduction

The basic question posed by a Newry withdrawal is whether Telstar schools must lose 37.5% of their local tax base support while continuing to provide Newry access to a regionally based education system. We believe that in our Telstar region the only fair way to provide a regional education system is with a regional payment system. Not only is this fair, but is also affordable to all communities.

All of the MSAD 44 member towns, including Newry, have a common interest in maintaining a high quality, regionally based education system. However, Newry's withdrawal threatens the viability of regional education in the entire Telstar region. Newry's withdrawal would, in effect, shelter over 35% of the region's tax base from support of education. This would drastically impair the quality of education for students from all MSAD 44 towns, including those from Newry.

2. Background

Maine School Administrative District No. 44 was formed in 1965 to provide a uniformly high quality, regionally based, public education for all children in the Telstar area. This could not be achieved through separate, town-based schools. MSAD 44's cost sharing formula was originally based on uniform taxation/assessment of property valuation without regard to student population, and this formula has not changed since its formation.

In 2005, the newly enacted Essential Programs and Services Funding Act provided that for purposes of

determining state subsidy levels, EPS costs of education would be apportioned among municipalities within a school district based on student populations. However, at the same time, the Legislature provided that this apportionment would not apply to SAD 44 and School Administrative District No. 6. Instead the cost-sharing formulas established in these districts would remain in effect until changed by decision of the school district through an existing statutory process. The reason the Legislature allowed the status quo to continue in SAD 44 and in SAD 6 was a question of degree. Both Newry in SAD 44 and Frye Island in SAD 6 were outliers in that they had inordinately high property valuations relative to their student counts. Without an exception, the effect of the new subsidy method law would be for significant amounts of property in these districts to escape taxation for EPS costs virtually altogether, while dramatically burdening other property in those districts, an impact not intended by a change in the method of calculating the amount of subsidy.

3. Fairness

There are two reasons why Newry's school system is regionally based, instead of town-based.

First, the region's economy is based on a ski industry, which has the most significant impact on the property tax base in Newry.

The ski industry, however, is supported by employees who live throughout the region. MSAD 44 serves these employees' families. The economic and educational benefits are reciprocal.

Second, it would be impractical for one town to build, maintain, and operate its own schools independent of neighboring towns.

Indeed, the Newry Withdrawal Committee seeks continued access to a regionally based school system through a ten-year tuition agreement with MSAD 44 or another regional school system.

At the same time, however, the Withdrawal Committee would like Newry to benefit from a town-based payment system. In other words, the Withdrawal Committee seeks the best of both worlds by de-coupling the education service system from the payment system.

This de-coupling would be unfair because it would cause property taxes to be assessed disproportionately within the region served. Because Newry needs to have its education provided by a region, it is fair and equitable that the payment system be proportional on a regional basis. Just because the law provides towns a "loophole" through the withdrawal process, it does not make that option fair or right in this case. If a change in the cost-sharing formula is the goal of the Newry Withdrawal Committee, then that change should be accomplished through an existing statutory process, which involves participation from all of the SAD 44 towns and approval by voters throughout SAD 44.

The de-coupling would also have a drastic impact on quality of education. Newry's property valuation is 37.5% of the MSAD 44 valuation. The impact of withdrawal on education will be swift and it will be severe.

In return for access to regional education services, the tax burden for Newry should be, and currently is, based on a system of tax assessment that is proportional throughout the region.

[The paper here shows a table illustrating the education mill rate and projected taxes for a \$150,000 and a \$250,000 home for each SAD 44 town. The rate is 6.503 for the four towns,

not including Andover.]

4. Affordability

In fact, an education mill rate of 6.503 is very affordable compared to other regional school systems.

[The paper then presents a table of education mill rates and projected taxes for the same value homes as above for area towns that make up SAD 17 and RSU 10. The mill rates range from 7.771 to 12.128. All but one of the eight SAD 17 towns had an education mill rate of 7.870. Of the 12 RSU 10 towns shown, nine had rates between 11.268 and 12.128.]

These three neighboring school districts comprise a total of 24 towns. In comparison to towns within the two other school systems, the education tax effort required by MSAD 44 towns to support their regional school system is the lowest. In other words, MSAD 44's regionally based education system is affordable. The Newry Withdrawal Committee suggests shifting the mill rate burden for Telstar region education by adding 3.33 mills to the other towns' mill rates, and subtracting 4.1 mills from Newry. In other words, the Withdrawal Committee rejects the current proportional educational tax as unfair, and proposes a regressive tax for the region - a system where the highest valuation property has the lowest rate of tax.

In summary, in return for access to regional education services, the tax burden for Newry should be, and currently is, based on a system of tax assessment that is proportional throughout the region. This is not only fair, but it is affordable, to everyone. MSAD 44's counterproposal addresses these concerns.

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Briefly

"Downeast Dickering" cancelled

BETHEL—Uncle Henry's motto — "You can't keep a good dickerer down" — is a sentiment the publication's general manager, local stars and fans are embracing in the wake of the History Channel's recent decision to cancel "Down East Dickering." Kevin Webb, general manager of Uncle Henry's Swap or Sell It Guide, said Tuesday that conversations about not shooting a third season began last week. The reality TV show follows local barterers that include Bethel residents Tony Bennett, his Jack Russell terrier Duke, and Chris "Codfish" Codwell, among others, as they dicker for anything under the sun, using Uncle Henry's — or what they call "the Bible" — as a guide. Webb said he'd heard different reasons for the show's cancellation, including that the History Channel wanted to capture a specific audience and didn't reach enough of that demographic. "If you look at the numbers of the show, they're pretty strong," he said. "I think the show has a very strong audience and a very devoted audience from around the country." People working for the History Channel know more about the TV business than he does, Webb said, but he believes the late start to the second season, along with breaks around the holidays, hurt the show. There's also some who doubt the show's authenticity. "Tony used to barter deals with us at Uncle Henry's long before the show," he said. Bennett said the majority of the show's haters are people who knew the cast members from their past. "Half the people who know me don't like me, so I get it from everybody," he said. "They either love me or they hate me." Webb was hopeful that the show will go on and has been encouraged by online support from fans. A "Bring Back Down East Dickering" Facebook page was created Saturday. Bennett said he was impressed with the response from fans and was happy to have made new friends and connections during his time with "Down East Dickering." "It's just nice to know that we have a nice, loyal following," he said. He said he was proud of the way the show made people feel. "They can sit down and they can just forget their problems because they're so into it for so many different reasons." — Erin Place, Sun Media Wire

Dumont Cup March 27-28

NEWRY—The Dumont Cup, the largest pro-am freeskiing competition in the East, is returning for a seventh year to Sunday River Resort March 27-28. X Games champion and Bethel native Simon Dumont will again design the course. Dumont created the Dumont Cup in 2009 as an opportunity for young and rising East Coast slopestyle skiers to gain exposure. Over the course of two days, amateurs compete side-by-side against the professionals in hopes of earning points, prizes, and serious bragging rights. Though initially intended to be a regional event, competitors from all over the United States, throughout Canada and even Europe, regularly compete for a chance at the coveted Cup. Former amateur athletes like Nick Goepper and Ken Gusworthy took home the Cup in past years and went on to win the bronze and silver Olympic medals, respectively. The Dumont Cup qualifiers are Friday, March 27, and the finals are on Saturday, March 28. Competitors must register through AFPworldtour.com. Plenty of money and some highly coveted AFP points are up for grabs. For more information, visit DumontCup.com.

BFD

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the boat to shore. An unusual incident, said Jodrey, was the case of a husband and wife from out of state who were canoeing on the Androscoggin and had a dispute. The husband left his spouse on an island in the river, and a nearby resident heard her calls for help. BFD to the rescue.

In another island rescue, firefighters scooped three hunters who had capsized in the river and made their way to an island.

The most unusual incident was the Volkswagen "rescue," which took place in Rumbold. Jodrey said the car, parked near the river, had rolled away from its owner and ended up in the drink. The BFD was called to ferry divers out to search for it.

Then there's the rescue sled, which can be hauled behind an ATV or a snowmobile.

"We've had 13 patients - 10 males, two females and one boy," said Jodrey. "The last three times were snowmobile accidents, last winter."

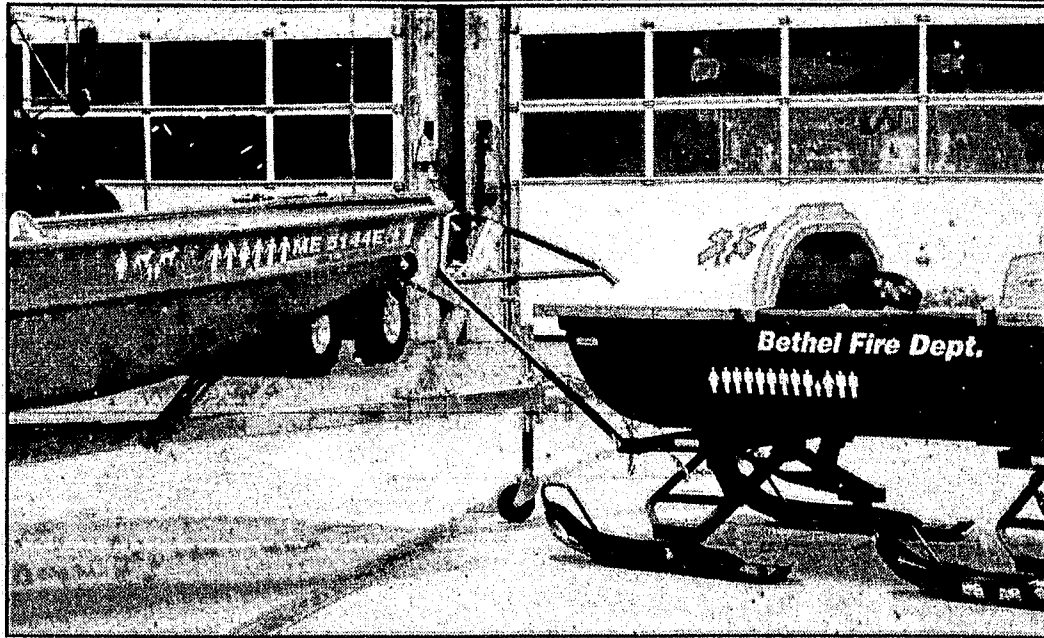
In the warmer months, he said, "We've had a lot of calls for hiking and ATV accidents."

The sled has stickers, too.

Sadly, the sled has also been used several times with the State Police to recover the deceased. But it served a purpose, there, too.

There's also a spill response trailer with tools and equipment to help deal with fuel spills. It's been used a couple of times for gas station or tanker truck mishaps, Jodrey said. This item was a particular bargain - the trailer itself was donated by the former Meade Paper Co. of Rumbold, and its contents by way of a fund through the Maine Department of Environmental Protection.

Another, larger trailer serves the Rapid Intervention Team, set up with equipment specifically to rescue



RESCUES ON SNOW, ICE AND WATER—Above, the Bethel Fire Department's rescue boat and sled display stickers representing their saves. Below, in 2005 the boat was used to rescue two dogs that fell into the Androscoggin River. BFD; Citizen file photo



firefighters at a fire scene, if needed.

A thermal imaging camera, primarily intended for finding people in a burning building, has been used a couple of times to help police locate a person running from them in the woods at night, Jodrey said. Half of that \$20,000 cost came from the American Legion.

What's next? "Possibly fire retardant forestry clothing," said Jodrey. Have your appetites ready this July.

Route 2

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tion.

Gustafson said the traffic volume on the road is 8,700 vehicles a day. "That's a very high volume," he said. "It's at the upper end of the bracket of what we would allow for one-way traffic."

The plan also calls for putting a new rail on the bridge, which would widen the three-foot shoulder

slightly. The travel lanes are each 12 feet wide. When the project is complete there will be new pavement to 100 feet each side of the bridge.

Requests for proposals for the construction will go out in October, according to Landes. The engineering work is being done by Erdman Anthony Engineering of Portland, she said.

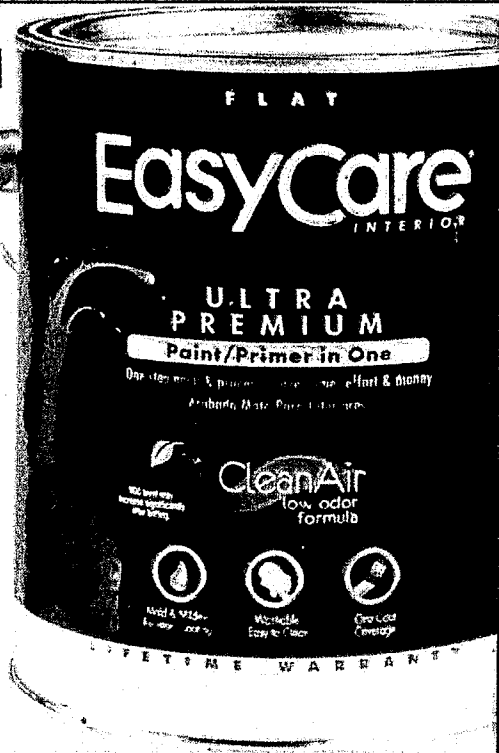
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The Way I See It

BY SHARON BOUCHARD

From the TWISI archives: One thing I have been very good at most of my life is sleeping. I would go so far as to say I was the Queen of Sleep, the Sultaness of Slumber, the Mistress of Morpheus. I'm sure you catch my drift.

Anyway, there once was a time when I would fall asleep almost immediately upon resting my head on the pillow. Bingo, out like a light. Once I was out, boy, was I out! And I really enjoyed it too! I enjoyed it so much I would try to wake myself up just so I could experience the pleasure of falling asleep again. I enjoyed it so much I had to force myself into wakefulness in the morning.

That was then, this is now and sleep and I have a completely different relationship. I know that as the body ages less sleep is required, but I don't believe that I've reached that age yet. Maybe after people retire from the working world and their lives are less regimented they need less sleep, but that time is at least ten years away for me.

It's not like I'm not tired when I go to bed because I am. I'm darn tired in fact and have usually spent the last hour or so trying to prevent myself from nodding off while I'm trying to watch television or read a book.

It amazes me that I have to fight to stay awake to enjoy that small part of the evening after the chores are done, but when I do go to bed sleep is as elusive as winning the lottery.

And what does a person do when they can't fall asleep? They think; that's what they do. My mind lights up like a pinball machine with bright lights and bells going off. I think about all of the should haves, could haves, would haves, can I's, will I's and a few maybe I will's thrown in just for kicks.

A typical night of tossing and turning may start out by finding a comfortable position and that wonderful feeling of warmth and

drifting off and then "tilt," I start wondering if I shut off everything that needed shutting off. I'll retrace my final tasks of the evening in my mind until I have convinced myself that all is well.

That should do it, with my mind at ease about everything being under control I should start to drift again, but then I think it has been quite a while since I've heard the furnace kick on and doesn't it feel like it's getting colder.

Convinced that the furnace has either died or run out of oil I'll attempt to recall when the last oil delivery was. If it was fairly recent then I'll feel pretty sure that the furnace did indeed gasp its last breath. Or the fuel tank could have burst

I think about all of the should haves, could haves, would haves, can I's, will I's and a few maybe I will's.

and the basement is flooded with oil and what if that causes an explosion? From that unpleasant thought I try to figure out how I would get my crippled husband out of the burning house.

Once I've figured out how to save Henry, and I can't forget the cats either of course, I'll wonder, if time allows, what else I should save? I'll do a mental inventory of everything we own. Forget the appliances because they're too heavy and the insurance will replace them, but my Santa Claus collection is not easily replaced. But Henry has some collectibles that are special to him, too, and maybe I should try to save them.

After much tossing and turning while these thoughts are bombarding my brain, I realize that the rattling I hear in the pipes means that the furnace is running just fine and I have

let my imagination bring me to full wakefulness.

I check the clock and an hour and a half has passed without a wink of sleep, but I figure I can still get a good six hours sleep if I can fall asleep right then.

All is well; I know the furnace is running the way it's supposed to and I'm pretty sure everything is shut off and my morning clothes are ready, because I put a load of laundry in the washer that very evening. This is the wrong thing to think about because now I can't remember if I put the clothes in the dryer. This thought, unfortunately, forces me out of the warm bed to make sure the clothes are dry.

Once I've folded a few of the clothes and gone to the bathroom and back to bed I figure I can still get five hours of sleep and that should be enough. Only now I think about the fact that I have a column due the next day and I haven't even given it a thought let alone come up with an idea. I mull this over for a while and one of two things will happen. I will think of something that will make a good column that I won't remember in the morning or I will think of something brilliant for a column and I will remember it in the morning only to realize that it is one of the dumbest things I have ever thought of.

At this point I'll remember some discussion I had with someone or an argument that I had with Henry and all the snappy replies I couldn't think of then will come to me, and if I can just stop thinking of all the smart things I should have said I could still get four hours of sleep.

Needless to say, after a night like this, of which I am having way too many, I'm not in very good shape in the morning. My mind is sluggish and I feel like I could fall asleep on my feet. I know I won't let that happen because I have too much control, but the way I see it...

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Bethel

By Nancy Brown



Most of us complain about some aspect of the winter (frozen pipes, bad roads, ice dams), but most of us have heat and enough food. Some of our Maine animals aren't so lucky. Last month was the coldest recorded February in Portland. As of Saturday, the average monthly temperature was 13.9 degrees Fahrenheit in Portland; I don't know the figures for Bethel. Some Maine animals are equipped for this: lynx, bobcats, moose. Some of our birds, though, are suffering. Bird biologist Brad Allen told the Portland Press Herald that he was concerned about our wild turkeys. "This winter is different because the snow has been so powdery, they can't dig down for food," he said. However, we have two turkeys wandering up and down Route 23 near our house who seem to have found a food source. They are eating crab apples from some of the ancient trees in the old pasture. I did a little research and found that turkeys survive the winter by finding berries and vegetation at the edge of fields and streams. They also depend on dairy farms where they can find silage corn and undigested corn in manure. So, please watch for the turkeys alongside the roads. Hopefully, the snow pack will melt down and they will find food sources further from the roadways.

My sister Laurie Hickey and I snowshoed on North Pond in Greenwood on Sunday. Although we are natives of Greenwood, neither of us had ever been out to the "big rock" as we called it when we were children. As kids, we thought we could swim out to the rock, but never did. For the last few years we planned on kayaking out, but never did. So, we finally went on snowshoe. We had plenty of company on the pond: people fishing, walking, snowshoers pulling children on sleds, snow-

mobilers, and dogs. There's a great view of the homes along the shoreline, the hills and Mt. Abram.

Pi Day will be celebrated on Saturday, March 14. This year has special significance; on 3/14/15 at 9:26:53 a.m. or p.m., the date and time will represent the first 10 digits of the mathematical constant. Pi Day is celebrated around the world in various ways, including mathematical competitions, discussions of the significance of pi, or by simply eating pie. Princeton University has a joint celebration of Pi Day and Albert Einstein's birthday, which is also March 14.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brownnancy1950@gmail.com, or call me at 824-2483.

East Bethel

By Wally Ritz



Again, we have made it through the below normal temperatures. Some of the snowfall was more severe in other areas rather than here.

Stacy Coolidge from Andover visited with her grandmother Arlene Harrington last Sunday. They enjoyed their visit together.

Well, time again for the answer to the Trivia: Alder River Grange was chartered/organized June 23, 1904 at Mt. Abram Hall in Locke's Mills.

Please, always feel free to call me at 507-1008, e-mail heinrichcracker@gmail.com or see me at the InnSide Shop. We have a big sale going on, worth checking out.

Aside the trivia, I have a question for all the bird lovers/experts. Do the robins migrate or just go deeper into the woods? A friend told me it is the latter?

Think Spring.

By Jane C. Rich



Town Reports are out which will give all of us plenty of time to check out the articles for

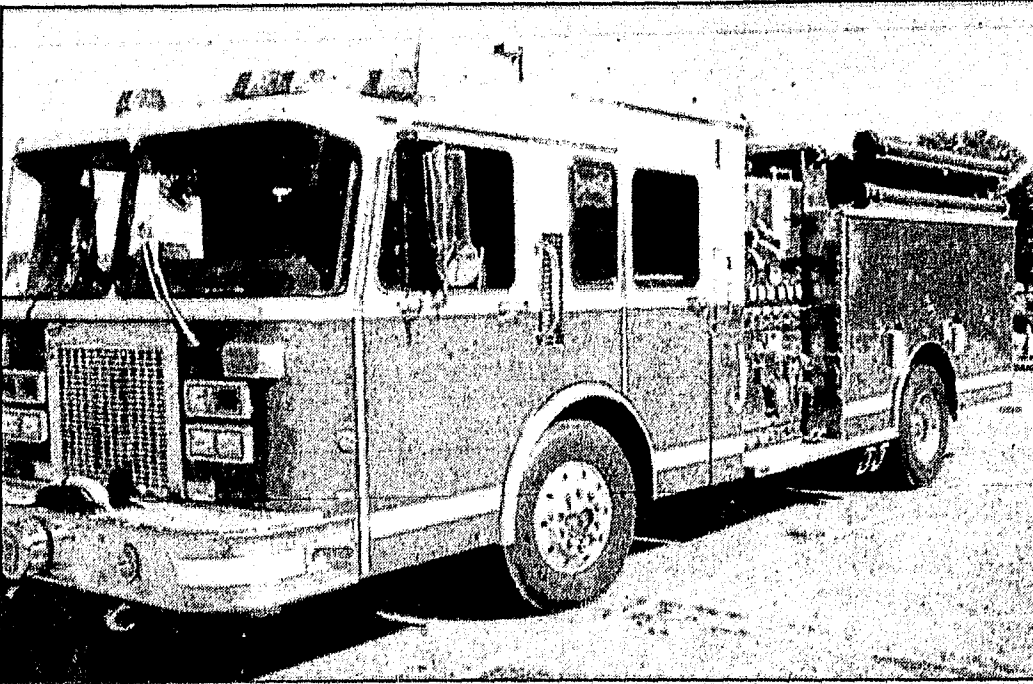
the Annual Meeting to take place on Saturday, March 21 at 9 a.m. at the Town Hall. Voting will take place on Tuesday, March 24. Absentee ballots are available at the town office. This is an important election with several candidates vying for various positions.

Seeking the position of Road Commissioner are Mark Farrington, David Dolloff and Darryl Wells. Those seeking the position of Selectman are incumbent Judy Tabb, Leo Camiere, Dinah Cutting and Jane Rich. Melinda Averill is the sole candidate for Clerk, Tax Collector. If you're going to be out of town, please be sure to get an absentee ballot. In any case be sure to vote.

There will be a special Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 10 at 5 p.m. at the Town Hall, followed by the regular Selectmen's Meeting. The hearing is in regards to a warrant article to amend the personnel policies of the town at the request of a petition by citizens regarding the eligibility for health insurance benefits from the town for employees.

Sometime ago I announced there would be a meeting to form a new Olde Home Day Committee on April 9, however this conflicts with the usual Service Circle meeting, so I've pushed the meeting back one week to April 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting will be to form a new committee so this important town event may continue. This is the 35th anniversary of the celebration. There has been some confusion over the dates for this year's celebration. For the past several years the event has been on the first full weekend in August. When last I was involved it was always stated to be the first Saturday in August... so when I was contacted by some publicity people months ago, I gave out the dates of July 31, Aug. 1 and 2 and so this is what we must go with. My apologies to all for the confusion, but particularly the Service Circle.

Personally, I am still confined to home and recovering from my many frost bite wounds. I do not have any idea how long that will take, but I am so grateful to all of you for your kindnesses which have included bringing in the papers, doing laundry and feeding me. The visits make it much easier to be here and I'm not in danger,



GREENWOOD FIRE TRUCK FUNDS APPROVED-About 15 voters at a special Town Meeting in Greenwood Tuesday approved up to \$35,000 from the Fire Department Reserve Account to purchase a used pumper truck, according to town officials. The account balance is \$41,730. The first choice for a truck was one from Maryland (shown above), with an asking price of \$29,900. If that one is not available, another one will be sought. The town's current 1982 pumper truck recently failed its pumper test. There was discussion at the meeting about waiting until the annual Town Meeting in May and possibly purchasing a newer truck, but fire officials were concerned that the truck was needed for fire protection before that.

Submitted photo

at this point, of getting cabin fever. The only really negative thing is that I can't go see the progress on my new house which will undoubtedly be completed before I can at the great rate of progress being made. Living in Andover is a wonderful experience, particularly when the chips are down. I thank you all for your many kindnesses.

Bryant Pond

By Alice Hoyt



The Whitman Memorial Library program for March is on Thursday, March 19 at 2 p.m. In keeping with the 200th celebration of the Town of Woodstock, Barry Allen from Norway, a local surveyor using an old map and pictures, will give a brief history of early New England and Maine surveying, with special emphasis on surveying and lotting of the eastern half of the Town of Woodstock, known as Gorham Academy Grant, based upon the original sealed note of surveyor James Irish, Jr. Light refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome to attend at no charge.

The Woodstock-Gorham Senior Citizens group will meet today (Thursday, March 5) at Ledgeview Living Center and 11:30 for a meeting with dinner put on

by Ledgeview. New members are always welcome.

Franklin Grange 124 will meet on Saturday, March 7 at 10 a.m. at Alice's. Potluck lunch follows.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service, Bloom for girls 13 to 18 and Foundations for guys 15 and up.

Sterling Mills has returned home from the Veterans Home.

Gilead

By Lin Chapman



Now that March has arrived, we can at least try to believe that spring will really appear someday. Daylight Savings Time will begin next week.

My brother, Steve McLain, stopped by last Saturday. We were discussing how nice it will be when spring gets here. He has already received his seed catalogs and will be putting in an order.

Happy Birthday wishes this week go out to Brad McLain on March 11.

This past week was school vacation for New Hampshire, so Hugh and I went to Gorham a couple of days to keep the grandchildren company. One day Ajay spotted something down by the brook. It turned out to be a little brown mink. They must be on the move for some reason. Hugh and I had one run right out in front of the car on our way to Gorham last Friday.

Bob and Judy Bishop were in town last week and stopped by the house for a visit.

Gilead Historical Society Steve Seames stopped by our house this past weekend. He had some paperwork relating to Gilead that he wanted to donate to the GHS.

Gilead Town Office

The Annual Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 28 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Locke's Mills

By Betsy Foster



It is getting on toward time for the maple sap to start running. We need day-time temps

above freezing and nights below it for that to happen. Maine Maple Sunday is scheduled for March 22. Let's hope the weather co-operates to make the sap rise. The excellent maple breakfast at Dunham Farm here in Greenwood is March 22, 8:30 to noon.

After months of hearing people rave about the meat-loaf sandwich at The Local Hub, I finally tried one. Yes, all the raves are deserved. It is the best meat-loaf sandwich I have ever eaten and that includes the ones my grandmother made. If you want a tasty treat for lunch, stop in and give it a try. Well worth it.

Greenwood has become the home to several new small businesses these last few years. The Local Hub is one of them. So are Specialty Timberworks, Northern Roots, and the new snowmobile business beside Maine Line Products. We are fortunate to have such new enterprises at a time when other towns are seeing businesses dwindle. These new small

OCSD Patrol Log

Tuesday, Feb. 24

At 2:11 p.m. Deputy Andy Whitney took an informational report of possible stolen items at a residence in Bethel. The report was being investigated.

Thursday, Feb. 26

At 3:45 p.m. a caller reported his son's iPod was stolen during school on Walkers Mills Road. A report was taken and the case was under investigation.

Friday, Feb. 27

At 1:21 p.m. Deputy Andy Whitney received a report of a vehicle operating erratically on Route 26 in Bethel. It was located and stopped, and there were no medical issues or crimes.

Saturday, Feb. 28

At 6:39 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney responded to a chimney fire on Songo Pond Road in Albany. He assisted the Bethel Fire Department in locating and extinguishing the fire.

Sunday, March 1

At 10:14 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney responded to a chimney fire on Sumner Bean Road in Albany with the Bethel Fire Department. No property was lost or damaged.

OCSD Jail Log

Feb. 28, 10:32 p.m.: Nicholas A. Beaudoin, 25, of Dummer, N.H., OUI, carrying a concealed weapon; by Deputy Willie Nelson in Upton.

Feb. 28, 10:35 p.m.: Andrew N. Small, 32, of Gorham, N.H., OUI; by Deputy Willie Nelson in Upton.

March 3, 3:32 a.m.: Daniel R. Irish, 40, of Andover, burglary, DV assault prior DV, OUI, criminal mischief, reckless conduct, operating without a license; by Cpl. George Cayer in Andover.



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Country Fresh Center Cut Bone-In Pork Roast	\$1.77 Per Pound
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Country Fresh Boneless Family Pack Pork Chops Or Spare Ribs	\$2.17 Per Pound
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businesses offer quality products and services. That sounds good for our town.

The sun is strong enough now that even when daytime temperatures do not reach freezing, the snow is beginning to settle and compact. Listen carefully on a sunny day, and you can hear the snow settling.

I was talking via e-mail with Mike Haggett at Western Maine Weather about the cold and wind this winter. He told me the western ridge was so strong this year that it pushed east of the Rockies and into our territory. The western side of the North Pole has been warm while the east side has been very cold. The sun is in solar winter right now, as quiet as it has been in 30 years. He said this is a fairly regular cycle every 30 to 40 years. There were bitter cold winters during the late 1970s. Sounds like our cold winter was right on schedule.

Sign of changes to come: The male goldfinches have increasing amounts of bright yellow in their plumage.

This will be my final column. I have written this column for several years and have enjoyed doing that, but it is now time for a new voice to take over. If you are interested, please contact Bethel Citizen Editor Alison Aloisio at aaloisio@bethelcitizen.com.

Sayonara. Au revoir. See you around.

South Woodstock
By Lolalee Dillingham

Feb. 27, 10:30 a.m.

Good morning to y'all, it's a great sunny day here, a bit nippy with the wind but the sun outweighs the coolness of the breeze. It's all up hill from here on in as the sun gets higher and higher and longer every day.

Rode with April yesterday afternoon to Portland, she had to do an errand for Craig. It was a beautiful sunny day for a ride.

Birthday wishes to Stacia Cordwell today (Feb. 27).

Craig is busy hauling wood every day, getting all he can into the mills before they post the roads. He leaves most days at 3 a.m. and doesn't get home most nights till after 9 p.m.

Get well wishes to those who have not been feeling quite up to par over the past few weeks.

Anniversary wishes to



Mitch and Judy Greene of Norway. And to those of you that might be celebrating this month.

Am so looking forward to the first signs of spring... crocus, daffodils, green leaves budding on the trees, lawns getting their green shades of color.

Time for spring cleaning and getting things ready for a huge garage sale.

Sorry for the short column this week, but we are off to town to get some errands done.

If any of our readers have any news (meetings, suppers, dances, church functions, birthdays, anniversaries, etc.) they would like to share, please feel free to call me at 674-3104, I do have an answering machine and will return your call.

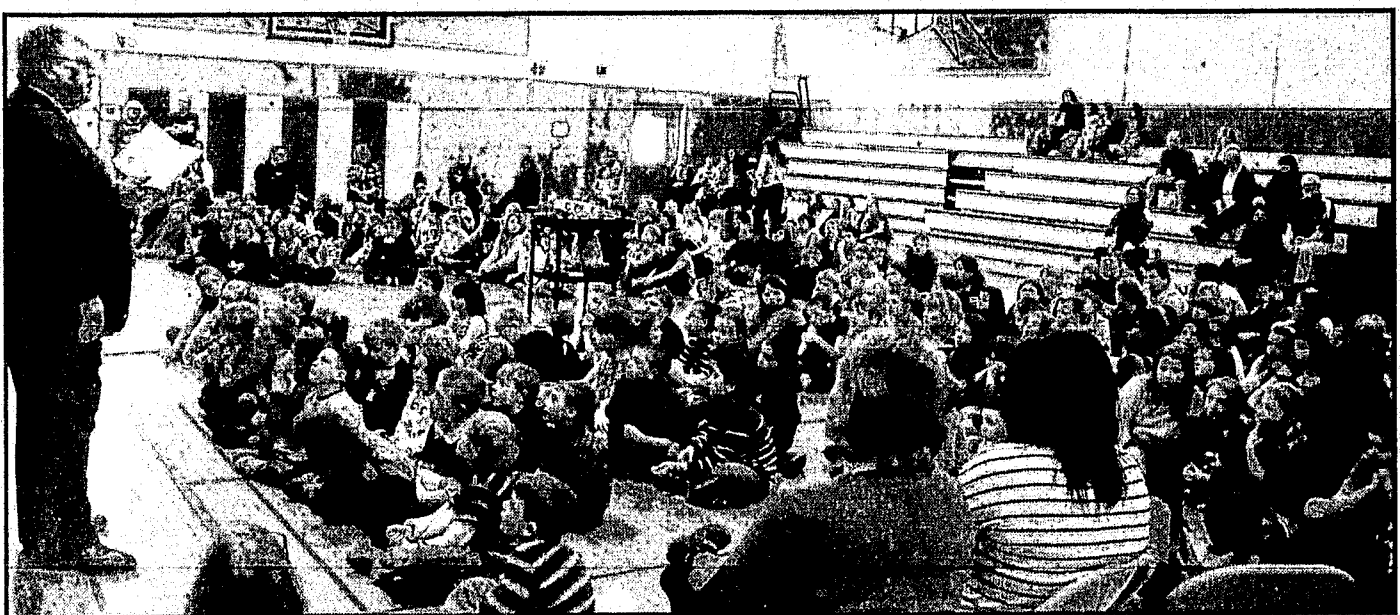
That's all from the valley this week. Stay well and enjoy each day.

Upton
By Joe Bernier

The State Line Snowmobile Club fishing derby and cookout drew a large crowd. My estimate is 250 to 300 people. It was a cold start but the temperature rose quickly to become a nice day.

Here at my house, in balmy South Upton the thermometer read 5 degrees above zero Saturday at 6:30 a.m. Sunday at about the same time it was 0 degrees. Each of those mornings my truck thermometer read 19 degrees below zero at the Umbagog boat landing. Seems like an extreme temperature difference in less than four miles.

I remember a winter with a weather pattern similar to this year. Consistently cold with at least one and usually two snowstorms a week. I believe it was the winter of 1969-70. This year most of the large snowfalls are missing us. We have had about average snowfall in this area. That year none of the storms, large or small missed us. In mid to late March, 1970, I measured the snow depth in the field. We had nine feet of snow cover! At that time, I had a one boy sugaring operation. Halfway through the season I had to re-drill my taps down lower as I could not reach the buckets. Route 26, in the Moose Cave/ Mother Walker Falls area was barely wide enough to allow two vehicles to meet. The local D.O.T. did not have any equipment big enough to push the banks



READING ACROSS AMERICA, AND THE CPS GYM

Read Across America Day is an annual event, an initiative on reading originated by the National Education Association. The day is celebrated on March 2, the birthday of Dr. Seuss, to encourage children to read. Above, SAD 44 Supt. Dave Murphy reads to students at CPS. In May 1997, a small reading task force at NEA came up with the idea, according to the NEA. "Let's create a day to celebrate reading," the group decided. "We hold pep rallies to get kids excited about football. We assemble to remember that Character Counts. Why don't we do something to get kids excited about reading? We'll call it 'NEA's Read Across America' and we'll celebrate it on Dr. Seuss's birthday." And so was born on March 2, 1998, the largest celebration of reading this country has ever seen."

A. Aloisio

back. M.D.O.T. imported a huge Oshkosh with a snowblower attachment from northern Maine. The truck and the square cut banks it made were both novelties to see.

Condolences to the family and friends of Wilma Rector. She was a kind, gentle, caring person and she will be missed by all who knew her.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

Waterford
By Rockie Graham

Last week I said it was quiet here. It is far from that. Miss Piggy has truly become Monster Pig. She tears around the house dislodging whatever she can, be it pillows, chairs, lamps or cords. She dragged a pillow/bed to another room, tried to drag a metal lamp from room to room and in the end, she made a fort for herself. Not something I expect a pig to do. She was upset at not getting her way, bored and decided to do something about it. We spent a lot of time picking up after her. Then she got tired and took a long nap. She is also shedding her hair and there is coarse dark hair everywhere. Both the washer and the dryer are full of it. Not the neat, clean animal she was sold as, but nothing about her is as sold. She is not to blame, but she does create a pig sty.

They (the weather forecasters) keep promising warm days. I am waiting guys. I can use a break from burning so much wood. I am ready for a break from cold, snow and clouds. I know we have had some sun, but sun-



FAVORITE DR. SEUSS BOOKS-At Nurturing Vines Childcare in Bethel, the daycare kids celebrated Read Across America day in their pajamas, with favorite Dr. Seuss books.

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ny and warm would be nice. For me, not being able to move as much and as fast I want, this is hard. Like most, I am ready for spring.

To that end, this weekend daylight saving begins - Saturday/Sunday, March 7/8. Do not forget to move those clocks forward.

This Saturday, March 7, American Legion Post 72 will hold an indoor yard sale at the post on Church Street, in South Paris from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is a fundraiser by the ladies auxiliary to send three young women to Girls' State. There will be a lunch counter and a 50/50 raffle. FMI please call: 743-7965.

Sunday, March 8, Mountain Poets will meet at the Fare Share Commons on Main Street in Norway from 4 to 6 p.m. Come join

other local poets and share your work. FMI please call Lisa at 743-9808, or Rockie at 743-0583.

David finally got us a few

channels in the bedroom, so I am off to peruse channels 6, 8, 10 and 13. Stay safe and warm. As always, any news can be called into 743-0583.

How to create a successful marketing strategy

Oxford Hills SCORE is pleased to offer a FREE workshop to businesses in the community who wish to develop or enhance their marketing programs on Tuesday, March 10 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Med-Care Ambulance facility at 290 Highland Terrace in Mexico.

Are you a solopreneur, start-up or small business who is struggling with marketing? Are you looking for better ways to engage your customer and increase your market share? If you are looking to communicate your value and market your business for success then this highly interactive workshop is designed for you. In this session we will discuss how to create marketing strategies using effective low-cost personal techniques that keep both your competition and customers in mind. After creating our strategies we will discuss in-person and social media marketing techniques to get the message out to your potential customers. Attend this FREE session and you could be chosen to have a Twitter, LinkedIn, or

Facebook business page created for you.

Our instructor is Lisa-Marie Wood, Founder and Managing Director of The Pemzy Group in Portland, a consulting and training organization focused on Strategy & Optimization, Supply Chain Management, Project & Program Management, as well as Human Resource and Organizational Excellence. She holds a Global MBA, Masters in Organizational Development, and Bachelors in Marketing. She is certified as a Lean Six Sigma Master Black Belt, Supply Chain Professional in Project Management and Inventory Management.

Register online: <https://oxfordhills.score.org/local-workshops> then select event to register or <http://contact/1ANfRx> or by calling SCORE (743-0499) no later than Friday, March 6 to hold a seat for this no cost workshop. We encourage returning Veterans of the Armed Services and River Valley Chamber members to attend this workshop.

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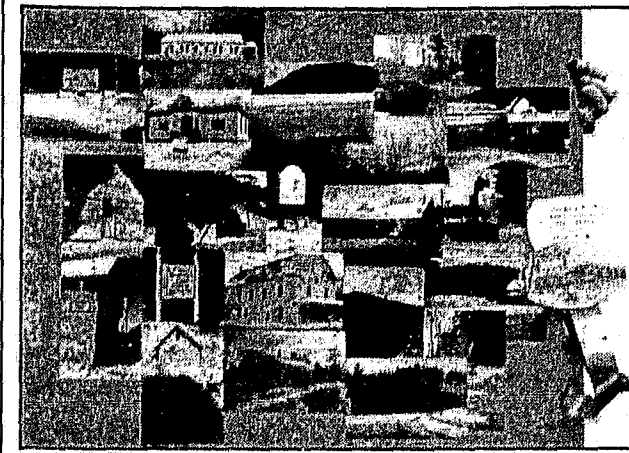
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WOODSTOCK BICENTENNIAL POSTER WINNERS - These Woodstock Elementary School students created posters of 'Woodstock: Then, Now or Tomorrow' to help the town celebrate 200 years. Tanya Prentice from the Woodstock Conservation Commission organized the poster contest. Shown above from the left with their posters are: Haylee Vove (hidden behind her poster); and Madison Bean (second place, Grade 5); Cheyenne Palmer and Grace Boothby (third place, Grade 5); Matthew Bean (second place Grade 3); Jonathan Marshall standing up for his sister Karen Marshall (first place, Grade 3); and Maggie Black (first place, Grade 5; poster shown in closeup). Posters will be on display at the Whitman Memorial Library. *A. Aloisio*

OCEA-R begins 2015 schedule

The Oxford County Educators Association -Retired (OCEA-R) begins its 2015 schedule of events at the Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School on March 20. Sign-ins begin at 10:30 a.m., followed by a business meeting led by John Kimball and lunch provided by the culinary arts students at the school. The program for March will be a presentation by Miles Hunt of the Dow law firm concerning elder law. This topic is of great interest and importance to our group. Our second meeting of the year will be held at the same site. Our May meeting is scheduled for the 15th of the month in Mexico. The site is to be announced later.

Our last meeting of 2014 was held at the American Legion Hall in Locke's Mills. We drew the names of the winners in the scholarship raffle which added nearly \$1,000 to our fund for annual scholarships for Oxford County students going on to higher education.

The program was presented by Ted Gerber of the Boston Fire Historical Society. Mr. Gerber was instrumental in the formation of the society and has a wealth of knowledge concerning the history of the Boston Fire Department and its efforts to protect the people of the city. Boston's fire department, begun in 1878, was the first municipally supported fire department and the first paid fire department in the New World. Early on, pumps were carried by two men because the pump had no wheels. Every house had leather buckets to help put out fires in an emergency. For some time, rattles were used to awaken people to the danger of a fire. The advent of telegraph lines made news of fires travel much quicker and helped firemen arrive at the site of fires much faster.

Some of the innovations of the Boston Fire Department were a steam powered fire engine in 1859, the first fireboat in the U. S. in 1873, and motorized vehicles for use in suburban or hilly areas in 1910. The last horse drawn engine was retired in 1923. In early times water mains were constructed from hollowed out logs. Mr. Gerber also described the kinds of gear firemen have used over the years and had several items to display. The gradual transition from pumps carried by hand to today's impressive equipment is fascinating to consider.

Mr. Gerber told of several famous fires in Boston and made a connection to Maine for his listeners. The Great Boston Fire of 1872 destroyed 776 buildings spread over 65 acres, and resulted in 30 deaths, including 12 firemen. In 1889 there was a Thanksgiving Day fire that also killed firemen. Soon after the fireboat was acquired in 1873, a very bad fire burned to the waterfront. During one of the fires the Old South Meeting House was saved by a fire company that had come down from Portsmouth to help. The 1942 Coconut Grove fire resulted in 490 deaths and changes in fire codes for buildings. One of Boston's recent fire commissioners was from East Millinocket. The program was very well received and Mr. Gerber's enthusiasm for the topic was obvious. He referred us to two sources for more information. The Boston Fire Historical Society maintains a website: bostonfirehistory.org. The society also published a book in 2007 entitled Boston's Fire Trail: A Walk Through the City's Fire and Firefighting History.

Retired teachers or anyone who worked for a school in any capacity is encouraged to join us. The meetings are brief and the programs are informative, often helpful, and entertaining.

MLT: 'These are Your Farmers'

The Mahoosuc Land Trust is happy to collaborate with the Maine Farmland Trust for the third event in the "This Is Your Backyard" series. The focus of this presentation will be "These Are Your Farmers." The event will be held at Gould Academy's McLaughlin Auditorium at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, with

a snow date of March 25. To begin the evening, the film "Growing Local" will be shown. This film was premiered at the 2014 Camden International Film Festival. It is currently being shown in many venues around Maine and has received enthusiastic response. It contains poignant stories that help us

understand the interconnected fates of Maine's small farms, consumers and the local food movement. Following the film, a representative of the Maine Farmland Trust will moderate a panel discussion among farmers in our own area - our neighbors and friends.

The Mahoosuc Land Trust

is an accredited community land trust encouraging public interest in conservation in central Oxford County and eastern Coos County, N.H., supporting a balance of growth and conservation and emphasizing sustainable and traditional land uses. For more information, visit www.mahoosuc.org or call 207-824-3806.

MLT: Cross country ski to Frenchman's Hole

You've swum in it; now ski to it! The Mahoosuc Land Trust invites cross country enthusiasts to ski to Frenchman's Hole in Newry on Saturday, March 14, beginning at 11 a.m.

The ski trip will be led by the Telstar Cross Country ski coach and perhaps some of the team. It will begin at the Twin Bridges on the Sunday River Road; take Sunday River

Road off Route 2 east of Bethel and follow approximately 7 miles, past Monkey Brook Road, the covered bridge and Outward Bound. At sharp left turn (Bull Branch Road) you will see two bridges. Park safely and join the group as it gathers.

Please dress according to conditions and bring your own skis, poles water and lunch.

Frenchman's Hole is a waterfall and basin formed by the rushing waters of the Sunday River. It is part of the Bureau of Parks and Lands' Mahoosuc Unit Reserve, which includes almost 10,000 acres of mountainous land. Its preservation is a collaborative conservation project between the Mahoosuc Land Trust and the Maine Department of Conservation.

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Free Cooking Matters for Families course in Bethel

Everyone with kids in the house knows how challenging meal time can be. From coming up with meals that please everyone's taste buds, to budgeting food dollars to fill everyone's bellies, the kitchen can become a daunting place. Cooking Matters for Families is a six session course that teaches children and their families the skills and tips to make the most of family mealtime through hands on learning and group discussion. Topics include healthy cooking techniques, food safety, tips for smart shopping, budgeting tips to stretch food dollars and more. Participating families receive free groceries for one recipe each week to prepare a meal at home. Each family also receives a free cook book, cutting board, thermometer, and reusable grocery bag upon completion of the program. Cooking Matters has been recognized by the USDA and by Michelle Obama's Let's Move! for excellence in nutrition education. For more than 20 years, Cooking Matters has provided hands-on cooking and nutrition classes to low-income people at risk of hunger.

On March 17 Cooking Matters for Families comes to Bethel, offered through Riv-

er Valley Healthy Communities Coalition with support from Bethel Family Health Center. The course will be taught by a nutritionist and a cooking enthusiast. It will start on Tuesday, March 17 from 3 to 5 p.m. and run every Tuesday for six weeks at Bethel Alliance Church. The course is FREE and open to children 8 and up and their families. At least one adult must accompany each family. For more information or to register, please contact class coordinator Nichole Berry at 207-364-7408 or rvhcberry@gmail.com. Please note that Nichole may not be available to answer your call, but if you leave a message with your name and phone number she will return your call.

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SIGNS OF SPRING?—Despite the still-deep snowcover, Bethel residents of all species seem to be trying to be optimistic about the eventual arrival of spring. Right, this snowbank on Evergreen Road in Bethel served as a canvas for flower artwork. Above Mark Harrington took this photo of a robin in a tree on Main Street.



School Lunch Menu

SAD 44 School Lunches March 5-13

Elementary Schools

Thursday: Roast pork and cinnamon roll or turkey and cheese on a wholegrain roll, mashed potato with gravy, carrots with brown sugar and ginger glaze and pineapple tidbits.

Friday: Max sticks with dipping sauce or Sun Butter and Fluff with cheese stick, Caesar salad, fruit choices.

Monday: Chicken and cheese quesadillas or ham and cheese wrap, seasoned rice, steamed broccoli, apple.

Tuesday: Pizza choices or Sun Butter and jelly on wholegrain bread with yogurt, green salad, baby carrots, orange wedges, cereal and dried fruit mix.

Wednesday: Chicken and gravy or cheeseburger on a wholegrain bun, mashed potato or rice, coleslaw with cabbage and carrots, fruit choices.

Thursday: Fish and cheese sandwich on a wholegrain roll or Sun Butter and Fluff on wholegrain bread with yogurt, sweet potato bites, 4-bean salad, chilled peaches.

Friday: Teacher's Workshop. No School.

Telstar

Thursday: Roast pork and cinnamon roll, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots with brown sugar and ginger glaze, pineapple tidbits.

Friday: Max sticks with dipping sauce, Caesar salad, fruit choices.

Monday: Chicken and cheese quesadillas, seasoned rice, steamed broccoli, apple.

Tuesday: Cook's choice, green salad, baby carrots, orange wedges, cereal and dried fruit mix.

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Thursday: Fish and cheese sandwich on a wholegrain roll, sweet potato bites, 4-bean salad, chilled peaches.

Friday: Teacher's Workshop. No School.

Liam Gallagher receives 2015 MPA Award

Liam Gallagher, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Gallagher of Bryant Pond and a senior at Telstar Regional High School, has been selected to receive the 2015 Maine Principals' Award. The award, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association, is given in recognition of a high school senior's academic excellence, outstanding school citizenship, and leadership.

Ranked second in his class of 55, Liam has consistently challenged himself with AP and Honors courses throughout high school. Liam is an engaged learner and actively seeks academic enrichment opportunities. For example, he is currently taking an online Latin course through Virtual High School and has also taken a few AP4ALL courses. In addition, an innovative and strong leader, as a ninth grader, Liam was one of the creators of our technology team.

Liam is an integral part of

our school community and his participation in extracurricular activities is rather extensive. A three-season athlete, he served as Captain of both the soccer and Nordic ski teams his junior and senior years and has earned Varsity letters in soccer, alpine and Nordic skiing since the ninth grade. In soccer, he was presented with the "Coach's" award and received the "MVC (Mountain Valley Conference) Academic All-Star" award. A skimmer all four years, Liam has earned several awards in both alpine and Nordic skiing, such as "Athlete of the Month" and "Most Improved". He has obtained similar awards in track and field: "Hustle" and "Athlete of the Month." Liam's involvement in non-athletic activities is also monumental. A four-year member, he holds the position of President of our chapter of Future Business Leaders of America and has received several awards at FBLA's spring leadership conferences. A member of National Honor Society, Student Council Co-

President and Co-President of the senior class, Liam has organized and implemented numerous fundraising and community service projects. He has been active in Drama since the ninth grade and held the lead role in the 2013 Christmas production. Always willing to help others, he has served as a peer tutor and Library Aid and has assisted the school with his skills in lighting and sound technology.

Liam's dedication to community service is outstanding. Through his position as a youth leadership team co-chair, he leads all meetings, emcees at the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland's state convention, and essentially works with all committees involved on the team. He is also the lead alter server of the parish he attends. A commentator and videographer for local access television, Liam recently began to anchor our schools' newscast. A natural leader, Liam was selected to attend the annual Leadership Conference sponsored by the local Rotary club and was also selected

to participate in Boys' State. Liam has identified unique experiences that have proved significant for both his academic and personal growth. These have included leadership conferences, a job shadow experience with the Secretary of State, and conversations with former foreign dignitary His Excellence Bishop Dennis Madden of the Archdiocese of Baltimore and other clergy within this Catholic diocese.

While the majority of Liam's work experiences have been non-paid and largely volunteer positions, he did obtain typical "job" responsibilities through his position in an ice cream shop, through which he was delegated a variety of management duties. In addition, he has served as a camp counselor at the local conservation camp, and has also performed landscaping duties.

Liam Gallagher, Mrs. Bell and other award winners along with their principals will attend an Honors Luncheon at the Spectacular Event Center in Bangor on Saturday, April 11. The Honors Luncheon recognizes these outstanding students with the presentation of an individual plaque, recipient's photo, formal dinner and the awarding of five \$1,000 scholarships.

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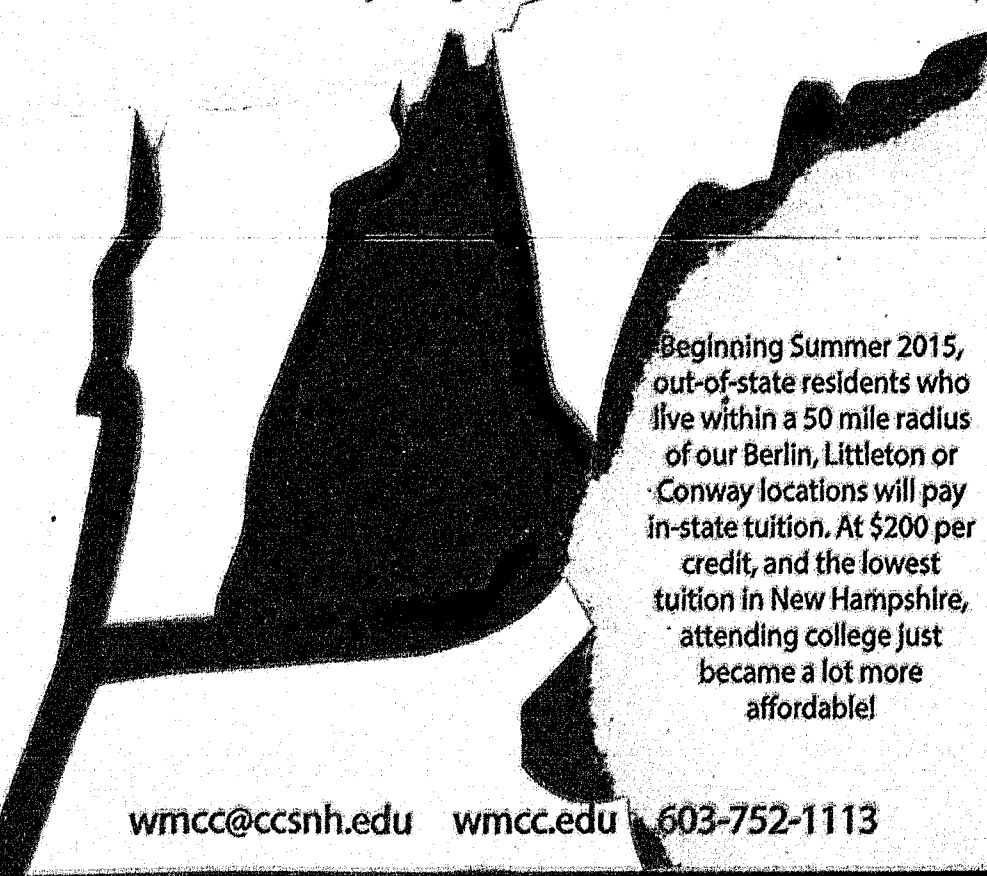
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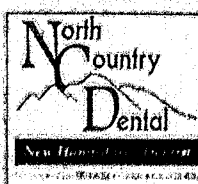
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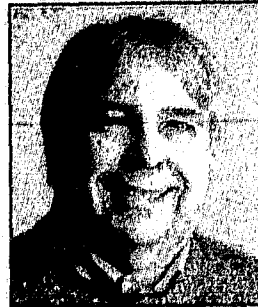
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Western Maine Art Group reception



'The Traveler in Autumn,' an oil painting by Michael Everett.

Submitted photo

The Main Street Gallery, 426 Main Street, Norway continues its winter season with a First Friday Reception March 6, from 5 to 7 p.m. The gallery will be exhibiting the work of fine artists and artisans living and working in Western Maine.

Featured at the gallery in March are the paintings of Western Maine Art Group's Artist of the Month, Michael Everett. Mr. Everett is an oil painter who specializes in subjects from northern Maine's forests and rivers. On display will be landscapes representing the four seasons.

In addition, the gallery will feature landscape artwork of other Western Maine artists in March.

Please join us at our opening and view the collection of original arts, mosaics, landscapes, figurative paintings, still life paintings, jewelry, and more. Visitors to the gallery on First Fridays will receive special 10 percent discounts on selected works.

The gallery is open Tuesday-through Saturday from ten to four o'clock. For more information, art classes, demonstrations, and special trips sponsored by the WMAG visit westernmaineartgroup.org and facebook, Main Street Gallery. The gallery is free and open to the public.

Prime Time Ski Club news

Making sure that no one ever needs to ski alone is the main purpose of the Prime Time Ski Club, which was founded almost 20 years ago. The success of the club is demonstrated by the numbers – nearly 150 members strong in 2015 – and by the number of people who meet at North Peak Lodge weekdays to find skiing partners. The success of the club is also pointed out in a recent online blog by a woman who happened to meet some of our members recently while skiing by herself at Sunday River ski area and described how skiing with club members made her on-snow experience much more enjoyable than the solo ski trips she had become accustomed to.

In her "Not Alone" blog posted on Feb. 13, 2015 Sandell Morse of York wrote: "After years and years of skiing together, my husband was tired, out of shape and still smoking. I'd lost my ski buddy. Skiing is a social sport, much more fun when you ski with others. For the past few winters, I'd been skiing mostly solo. I loved the sport, I was skiing strong, and wasn't ready to give it up. What was I to do?" She found the answer to her dilemma when she was invited to join three of our members for a chairlift ride. At the top of the lift our Prime Time members told her about the club's weekday meeting time and then invited her to ski with them. The next week Sandell joined them again and her blog recounts her experience skiing among the trees in the glades with her new ski friends. Her blog can be found at <http://sandellmorse.com/not-alone/>.

Skiing with others is what the Prime Time Ski Club is all about – making new ski friends so you never have to ski alone. All levels of skiers are welcome as long as they feel comfortable skiing from the Peak Lodge. Some members prefer to ski a few runs each morning, others ski a half day and then call it quits while others continue to ski well into the afternoon. Some ski fast, some ski slow. Some prefer ungroomed slopes and others search out "corduroy." You are bound to find someone who meets your skiing needs. With the great conditions we have been having, what better way to enjoy the mountain. Even though cold temperatures continue, the snow conditions remain some of the best we've seen in many years. And chatting with friends on the chairlift makes the ride seem a lot quicker and not as cold – most of the time!

Anyone looking for someone to ski with should stop by North Peak Lodge at 10 a.m. weekdays (upper level, past the bar). After a brief meeting, members usually break into small groups of four to eight skiers, based mostly on skiing ability and speed and terrain preference. For Prime Time Ski Club membership information and a schedule of activities check out our

web site at www.primetimeskiclub.com.

Sports



High School Nordic Skiing

On Saturday, Feb. 28, seven members of the Telstar team traveled to Black Mountain for the U16 Qualifier/Eastern High School Championship Qualifier. The skiers took part in a 5km classic race in the morning followed by a 5km freestyle pursuit race in the afternoon.

5km Classic Race Results: Boys – 55. Liam Gallagher 18:01; 62. Kellen True 18:23; 82. Josh Eliot 20:27; 86. Elijah Laird 21:16; 87. Gaelen Boyle-Wight 22:12. Girls – 34. Carla Boyle-Wight 20:17 and 60. Marta Opie 22:55.

5km Freestyle Race Results: Boys – 42. Kellen True 16:01; 49. Liam Gallagher 16:20; 81. Josh Eliot 19:20; 83. Gaelen Boyle-Wight 20:52 and 84. Elijah Laird 20:56. Girls – 25. Carla Boyle-Wight 18:27 and 61. Marta Opie 22:46.

Kellen True qualified for the U16 Championship Team which will travel to Fort Kent to compete against the rest of New England March 13-15. Carla Boyle-Wight qualified for the Eastern High School Championship Team which will compete against the rest of New England March 20-22 at Black Mountain.

Mountain Valley Rec Basketball League

Jay/Bethel Even in MVRBL – Jay tied Bethel for fifth place in the Mountain Valley Rec League with a 101-92 victory this past Sunday. Jay (3-8) got 38 points (5 threes) from Shawn Hill and 27 points from Nick Weeks to post a mild upset. Dave St. Germain added 20 more. Bethel (3-8) was again led by scrappy Ryan Savage with 35 points (4 threes), Mike Del Duca was next with 20, Terry Collins had 12 and Captain Ryan Kimball had 10 points.

While Ranor Mechanical (9-2) had a bye, Laid Back Installers (12-0) finished off its regular season unbeaten with a 105-85 victory over a shorthanded Matterhorn team. The winners were paced by Jon Benjamin with 35 points (6 threes), while Brian Canwell got 19. Eric Canwell and Owen Jones had 12 each and Chris Baxter netted 10. The Matterhorn (6-5) hung around the whole game despite not having its two big men available. Glen Dubois had a youth revival and paced them with 21 points (5 threes), Kindie Bonsall had 19, Jason Rosenberg 14, Peter Chase 13 and Captain Spencer Glover 12.

Archie's (6-5) was also shorthanded and hung on to defeat Neptune (0-11), who was desperate for their first win, 78-73. Archie's is now in a tie for third place with The Matterhorn although next week's match up with Ranor doesn't look promising. Archie's Brett Archibald was lead man with 22 points, Tom Leclerc was next with 20, Mike Holmquist had 18 and Justin Archibald 10. Neptune scoring featured Gary Holman with 26 points (3 threes), Mike Leclerc 19 points (5 threes), Jessie Cross 11 and Nick Blodgett 10.

In the final weekend of the regular season, LBI is off, while The Matterhorn tries to capture third against Jay, who is fighting for fifth, at 10 a.m. Neptune and Bethel, trying to hold on to fifth, play at 11:30 and Archie's (tied for third) takes on Ranor at 1 p.m.

Local access TV to hold informational meeting

The Western Hills Access Television, located at Telstar Regional High School in Bethel, will hold an informational meeting on Tuesday, March 10 at 6 p.m., with a snow date of Wednesday, March 11. This meeting is open to anyone with an interest in learning about the operation of the local access channel that has served cable subscribers in the towns of Bethel, Newry, Greenwood, Woodstock and West Paris since 1991, operating under the cable franchise agreements negotiated by the towns. The SAD 44 school district is the host and fiscal agent for the channel.

WHAT, currently broadcast on Time Warner Channel 11, features a Community Calendar, and a variety of taped and live programming, including a large archive of locally-originated programming. Wayne Howe of Bryant Pond is the current station manager, and the governing board is in the process of reorganizing.

The informational meeting will provide anyone interested in becoming involved with WHAT in filming, studio work, projects relating to community and municipal events, the calendar, expansion to streaming programs online, or other ventures,

with an opportunity to see the studio, and to discuss possible involvement. Those interested who are unable to attend the March informational meeting may visit the Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Western-Hill-Access-Television>), or call 824-4123 and leave a message.

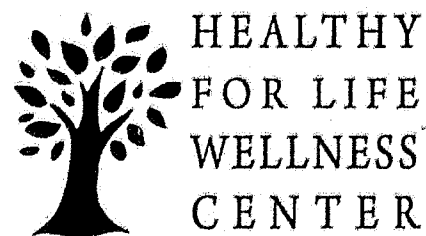
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Backyard Reflections

BY SARA WRIGHT

Amaryllis: A Love Story

For Christmas my two godsons gave me the most amazing gift, a giant amaryllis bulb that I promptly planted in a pot and placed in one of my plant windows. Right from the beginning I recognized that "Desire" was going to become a very special plant because she instantly came alive putting up two giant buds in one day! And because I am a "plant woman" by nature, nothing makes me happier than growing something new. I have grown many Amaryllises in the past and have wintered over the bulbs so they could bloom the following year, but this one had my rapt attention from day one for reasons difficult to explain unless I recall that I have never been given one of these bulbs before as a gift. One

way to describe the growth of these bulbs is to say that they are like fireworks in slow motion. Exactly 30 days after potting, Desire's first trumpet, a deep salmon blossom burst open, heralding a vision of what was to come. This flower, there are presently four of them, seems to mimic the passionate embrace of the sun rising over the horizon, caressing the mountains with flaming orange fire. Oh, such beauty. I am filled with astonishment and gratitude every time I look at her! My plant window looks out on the mountains; bare granite and naked saplings steeped in snow make a perfect canvas to show off "my lady" who glows with unearthly molten fire. I talk to her every morning and sent pictures of her to Drew and Cameron who had no idea how this gift would affect me. At one point Cam-

eron quipped that the bulb was a "no brainer" to which I replied, "but no one gives me plants!" Not quite true because one son did give me some certificates to buy orchids a few times.

In Greek mythology Amaryllis was a maiden who longed for a handsome but cold-hearted man named Alteo. Desperate to win his love, she pierced her heart with a golden arrow and then visited his cottage every day shedding drops of blood along the way. On the 30th day beautiful deep orange flowers sprung up from the earth on each side of the path (weirdly my first flower appeared exactly 30 days after I potted up my bulb). The path glowed with vibrant flaming color. Alteo was instantly transformed, his frozen heart thawed and he fell in love with Amaryllis. The two were never to be sepa-

rated again and Amaryllis's heart was forever healed. The plant woman in me understands why!

Amaryllis normally blooms in the spring in their native habitat, which happens to be in the tropical and subtropical regions of the Americas. There are two centers of diversity, the main one in Brazil and the other in the central southern Andes of Peru, Bolivia, and Argentina, moving north to Mexico and the Caribbean. These bulbs are sometimes found in the understory while others prefer full sun; some like moisture, others prefer a drier habitat. There are also epiphytic species that require air around their roots.

Hippeastrum is a genus of about 90 species in the family of Amaryllidaceae, and what is most confusing is that Linnaeus, that great classifier of plants and animals, stud-

ied an African flower in an herbarium in England and named it Amaryllis creating a nomenclature debate that lasted for decades between the South American Hippeastrum and the generic amaryllis, the South African flower.

On principle I dislike any person classifying plants that spent virtually no time in the field, and gave many things a Latin name belonging to a person! Although I agree that we need a universal classification system I wonder why we can't name plants, for example, after actual characteristics belonging to the plant itself. The bottom line is that bulbs sold as amaryllis around Christmas belong to the genus Hippeastrum. More peculiar is that this latter name means something like a "Knight's Star Lily."

The rule is, the larger the

bulb the more flowers it will produce. The largest bulbs are 14 to 16 inches in circumference will produce three or four scapes (flower stems). Some cultivars have four flowers on each stem and some six. My bulb has four giant flowers on one spike and will probably have five on the other. These will bloom just after the first round of blooms fade. Some bulbs rest in between blooming times but not this one. There is even one bulb named "Dancing Queen" that is deliciously fragrant.

Each bulb needs to produce large healthy leaves during the summer growing season before it will bud the following year. Of the many hybrids the best known are those producing red, pink, salmon, orange and white flowers. Other colors in-

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Exchange; Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours - No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Bethel Area Food Pantry; serving the residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton and Woodstock. The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon to 8 p.m. Anyone in need of food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street, Bethel, by the side entrance on Park Street.

Caregiver Support Group; Second Tuesday of the month, 10 to 11:30 a.m., West Paris Town Office, 26 Kingsbury Street. This group is for anyone caring for a family member or friend with memory loss. New members may join at any time. Free and open to the public. FMI: SeniorsPlus (1-800-427-1241).

Thursday, March 5

Social Media Workshop; 9 to 10:30 a.m., the Bethel Inn Resort, 21 Broad Street. Linda Varrell, Founder and President of Broadreach Public Relations, will provide an in-depth look at creating content on social media that is memorable, attracts, engages and delights, resulting in likes, fans, follows and leads. Through the lens of multiple platforms (i.e., Twitter, LinkedIn, Pinterest, Instagram, Facebook), Linda will discuss aspects of social media marketing from developing a story to publishing content across all social media channels. \$25 for Oxford County chamber members, \$30 for non-chamber. FMI/Registration: www.wmede.org or Mia Purcell (739-6543 or mpurcell@community-concepts.org).

WMSC "To Your Health" Presentation; 4:30 to 6 p.m., Bethel Congregational Church, downstairs hall. To Your Health of Western Mountains Senior College will hold a program on "Supermarket Strategies" presented by Cathi DiCocoa, local professional chef. DiCocoa will also give a food demonstration with samples and recipes. Public invited. admission free. FMI contact Rosabelle Tift at 824-2053.

Open Mic/Pizza Night with the Shadagee Ramblers; 6 p.m., Loose Boots Lounge, Mt. Abram.

March 5 and 12

First Aid and CPR; 6 to 9 p.m. March 5 and 6 to 9:30 p.m. March 12. Jeannine Thornton teaches these classes at the Bethel Family Health Center. CPR includes; adult, child & infant CPR; obstructed airway. First Aid includes; burns, controlling bleeding, broken bones, poisoning, soft tissue injuries, heat & cold exposure, bandaging. You will receive a 3-year certificate in First Aid and a 1-year certificate in CPR.

Friday, March 6

World Day of Prayer; 2 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church, Church Street, Bethel. Sponsored by the Bethel Methodist Church and Episcopal House Church. FMI: Caroline Gould (824-3226). Snow date: Friday, March 13.

First Friday Reception; 5 to 7 p.m., the Main Street Gallery, 426 Main Street, Norway. Featured at the gallery in March are the paintings of Western Maine Art Group's Artist of the Month, Michael Everett. Mr. Everett is an oil painter who specializes in subjects from northern Maine's forests and rivers. On display will be landscapes representing the four seasons. FMI: westernmaineartgroup.org.

Saturday, March 7

American Legion Post 72 Indoor Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Church Street, South Paris. Lunch counter will be open, 50/50 raffle and raffle baskets. Come join the fun and help support the ladies auxiliary send three young ladies to Girl State.

The Corvettes Doo Wop Revue; 7:30 p.m., Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, 18 Bradley Street, Fryeburg. Some of the great hits you might expect to hear at a Corvettes concert include Come Go with Me, Earth Angel, Rock Around The Clock, and many more! Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$5 for kids. Preorder online at www.fryeburgacademy.org/tickets or by calling the box office at 207-935-9232.

Tuesday, March 10

Western Hills Access Television Informational Meeting; 6 p.m., Telstar High School. The meeting is open to anyone with an interest in learning about the operation of the local access channel that has served cable subscribers in Bethel, Newry, Greenwood, Woodstock and West Paris since 1991. FMI: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Western-Hill-Access-Television or 824-4123.

Energy Medicine for Your Health: An Introduction to Polarity Therapy; 6 to 7:30 p.m., Telstar High School, Room 131. Polarity Therapy works to restore balance and wholeness by utilizing gentle touch to direct the healing energy to specific areas in the body. Benefits include relief from chronic health issues and enhanced mental and emotional clarity. Throughout the workshop, presenter Emily Ecker will integrate information with self-care techniques including the Polarity pathway, the Star pathway which can bring relaxation, balance and a greater sense of wellbeing. \$10 paid at time of workshop. RSVP/Questions: Emily Ecker (357-9954).

Wednesday, March 11

Bethel Senior Citizens Club Meeting; 11 a.m. (doors open at 10:45), Crossstone Restaurant, Woodstock. Menu: Fish or chicken, \$10 per person. Reservations must be made prior to March 1 by calling Arlene Lowell at 824-2877.

Thursday, March 12

Ecumenical Lenten Lunch; 12 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. All are invited to set aside an hour to share in a soup lunch followed by a short message.

Friday, March 13

Alder River Grange 145 Meeting; 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting, Stan Hall's home.

University of Maine Singers Concert; 7 p.m., Mark S. Eastman Auditorium, Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. Within the choir there are two sub-groups; the Maine Steiners and Renaissance whose focus is on contemporary a Capella. The show will be about an hour and forty minutes long and will feature a varied repertoire of music from the Baroque period to 20th century masterworks. Donations accepted at the door.

Saturday, March 14

MLT XC Ski to Frenchman's Hole; 11 a.m. The ski trip will be led by the Telstar cross country ski coach, beginning at the Twin Bridges on Sunday River Road. Take Sunday River Road off Route 2 east of Bethel and follow approximately seven miles, past Monkey Brook Road, the covered bridge and Outward Bound. At sharp left turn (Bull Branch Road), you will see two bridges. FMI: www.mahoosuc.org or 824-3806.

Oxford Hills Honey Bee Club Workshop; 1 p.m., Oxford County Extension Center, 9 Olson Road, South Paris. Speaker: Master Bee Keeper Chris Rogers of Backwoods Bee Farm. Topic: Spring Maintenance. Public is welcome. FMI: Kevin Farr (farrou@roadrunner.com) or mainehoneybees.com.

Sunday, March 15

The Asylum Quartet; 2 p.m., St. Kieran Community Center for the Arts, 155 Emery Street, Berlin, N.H. Award-winning saxophone chamber group. Tickets: \$12/adults, \$8/minors. FMI: (603) 752-1028 or information@stkieranarts.org.

Monday, March 16

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or http://meoc.maine.edu. Free and open to the public.

Tuesday, March 17

Cooking Matters for Families; 3 to 5 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church. Cooking Matters for Families is a six session course that teaches children and their families skills and tips to make the most of family mealtime through hands on learning and group discussion. Topics include healthy cooking techniques, food safety, tips for smart shopping, budgeting tips to stretch food dollars, and more. Participating families receive free groceries for one recipe each week to prepare a meal at home. FMI/Registration: Nichole Berry (364-7408 or rvhccberry@gmail.com).

Wednesday, March 18

Ecumenical Lenten Lunch; 12 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. A soup lunch will be served followed by a short meditation. All are invited to this time of fellowship.

McLaughlin Garden Lecture; 4 p.m., 103 Main Street South Paris. Jean Potuchek will present "Garden Blogs: A Virtual Garden Club." Free and open to the public.

MLT "These Are Your Farmers" presentation; 7 p.m., Gould Academy's McLaughlin Auditorium. (Snow date: March 25). To begin the evening, the film "Growing Local" will be shown. Following the film a representative of the Maine Farmland Trust will moderate a panel discussion among farmers in our own area. FMI: www.mahoosuc.org or 824-3806.

Thursday, March 19

Whitman Memorial Library Program; 2 p.m., Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Using old maps and pictures, local surveyor Barry Allen will give a brief history of early New England and Maine surveying, with a special emphasis on the surveying and lotting of the eastern half of the Town of Woodstock, known as the Gorham Academy Grant, based upon the original field notes of the surveyor, James Irish, Jr. The program is open to the public at no charge and light refreshments will be served.

Saturday, March 21

Andover Town Meeting; 9 a.m. at the Town Hall.

Monday, March 23

Woodstock Town Meeting; 7 p.m. at Woodstock Elementary School.

Wednesday, March 25

Ecumenical Lenten Lunch; 12 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. All are invited to a time of fellowship as we share a soup lunch followed by meditation. Set aside an hour in your day for this Lenten event.

McLaughlin Garden Lecture; 4 p.m., 103 Main Street South Paris. Pat Verrill will present "Growing Vegetables: Varieties and Tips." Free and open to the public.

Saturday, March 28

Bethel Rotary's 8th Annual Wine and Beer Tasting Event; 6 to 8 p.m., White Cap Lodge, Sunday River. \$30 per person. Proceeds benefit greater Bethel Community projects and scholarships. FMI: www.BethelRotary.org.

Gilead Town Meeting; 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Sunday, March 29

Bethel Rotary's Country Breakfast; 7:30 to 11 a.m., Outway Hall, Gould Academy. Adults/\$7 (\$8 at the door), Children/\$3. Proceeds benefit greater Bethel Community projects and scholarships. FMI: www.BethelRotary.org.

Monday, March 30

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or

http://meoc.maine.edu. Free and open to the public.

Wednesday, April 1

McLaughlin Garden Lecture; 4 p.m., 103 Main Street South Paris. Jessica Badone will present "Designing with Perennials." Free and open to the public.

Saturday, April 4

Circus Olé! And Feast of Fools; 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30), Community Forum, Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. This animal-free extravaganza showcases a spectacle of performers while proving a circus does not need live animals to thrill and entertain. All "live" animals are giant theatrical puppets created by Trash Into Art - a community collective founded by Rijah Newell that uses recycled materials to build puppets and street theater to illuminate social and environmental issues. \$10/adults, \$5/children 12 and under. FMI/Tickets: www.circus-ole.com or Ringmaster Rijah Newell (rijahnnewell@gmail.com or 890-0545).

Monday, April 6

Beginner Adult Tap; Crescent Park School. Have you ever wanted to learn to tap, but never got to do it? This is your chance to learn... come join us and let's Shuffle Off to Buffalo. \$60.

Bridget Whitman uses a graded system when she teaches dance and it starts at the beginning and moves to next level. She does tap barre-center floor combinations...and more.

Icarus, Presented by Liars & Believers; 7 p.m., Hebron Academy. \$15/adults, students 18 and under/free. Icarus features an original Americana score by Nathan Leigh (Song of Songs) and the fantastical puppetry by Faye Dupras. Conceived and Directed by Jason Slavick, Music and Lyrics by Nathan Leigh, Written by The LAB Ensemble Puppetry Design and Direction by Faye Dupras, Lighting and Set Design by Aaron Sherkow, Costume Design by Kendra Bell. FMI: www.liarsandbelievers.com.

Tuesday, April 7

Icarus, Presented by Liars & Believers; 7 p.m., Gould Academy. \$15/adults, students 18 and under/free. To purchase tickets visit www.mahoosucarts.org or call 824-3575. Icarus features an original Americana score by Nathan Leigh (Song of Songs) and the fantastical puppetry by Faye Dupras. Conceived and Directed by Jason Slavick, Music and Lyrics by Nathan Leigh, Written by The LAB Ensemble Puppetry Design and Direction by Faye Dupras, Lighting and Set Design by Aaron Sherkow, Costume Design by Kendra Bell. FMI: www.liarsandbelievers.com.

Thursday, April 9

Ballroom Dancing; Have you always wanted to take a ballroom class or just want to refresh your memory? This class is for you. This is a 6 week adult class. You will learn the basics of waltz, tango, cha-cha, and swing. Come with a partner and dance the night away and have a great time with instructor Bridget Whitman. Tuition: \$75/couple, \$35/single. FMI/Registration: 824-2780.

Saturday, April 11

American Legion Post 72 Indoor Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Church Street, South Paris. To reserve your table, call Jean (743-7965). Yard sale tables are \$10, vendor tables are \$15. Lunch counter will be open, 50/50 raffle and raffle baskets. Come join the fun and help support the ladies auxiliary send three young ladies to Girl State.

April 16 and 26

Hunter Safety - Firearms; Thursday, 6 to 9 p.m., Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Telstar High School Library. Study includes proper operation and use of equipment, maps and compass; first aid and survival laws; and land-owner relations and ethics. Participants must be 10 years old or older; those 10-12 years old must be accompanied by an adult. \$10 per person. This is a Home Study course. Materials will be handed out and explained at the other class. Student must attend all classes. Limit 25. Call soon for this class fills up quickly! FMI/Registration: 824-2780 or http://sad44.maineadulted.org.

Friday, May 1

Animal Communication Talk/Potluck; 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. talk, Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge, North Newry. Nancy Hohmann will talk about Nancy Hohmann. Donations accepted to benefit Responsible Pet Care. FMI: 824-2073.

Saturday, May 2

Old Fashioned Barn Dance/Potluck; 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. concert, 8 p.m. dance, Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge, North Newry. All dances are taught. Beginners are welcome. Cost is \$10, children under 16 half price. FMI: 824-2073.

Saturday, May 9

American Legion Post 72 Indoor Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Church Street, South Paris. To reserve your table, call Jean (743-7965). Yard sale tables are \$10, vendor tables are \$15. Lunch counter will be open, 50/50 raffle and raffle baskets. Come join the fun and help support the ladies auxiliary send three young ladies to Girl State.

May 15, 16 and 17

15th Annual Home Garden Flower Show, May Fair; Fryeburg Fairgrounds. Seven buildings filled with almost 300 plus booths on home and energy and 9 garden centers, garden artisans and crafters, plus five acres of outdoor products for the home and garden and other related businesses. The famous Meet the Chefs Cooking Series, Lodge Cast Iron Skillet Toss, Home and Garden Seminars, Kids activities and demonstrations. Guest speakers, fair food and more. General Admission \$10. Children 10 and under free. Group rates available. FMI: www.homegardenflowershow.com or 800-359-2033.

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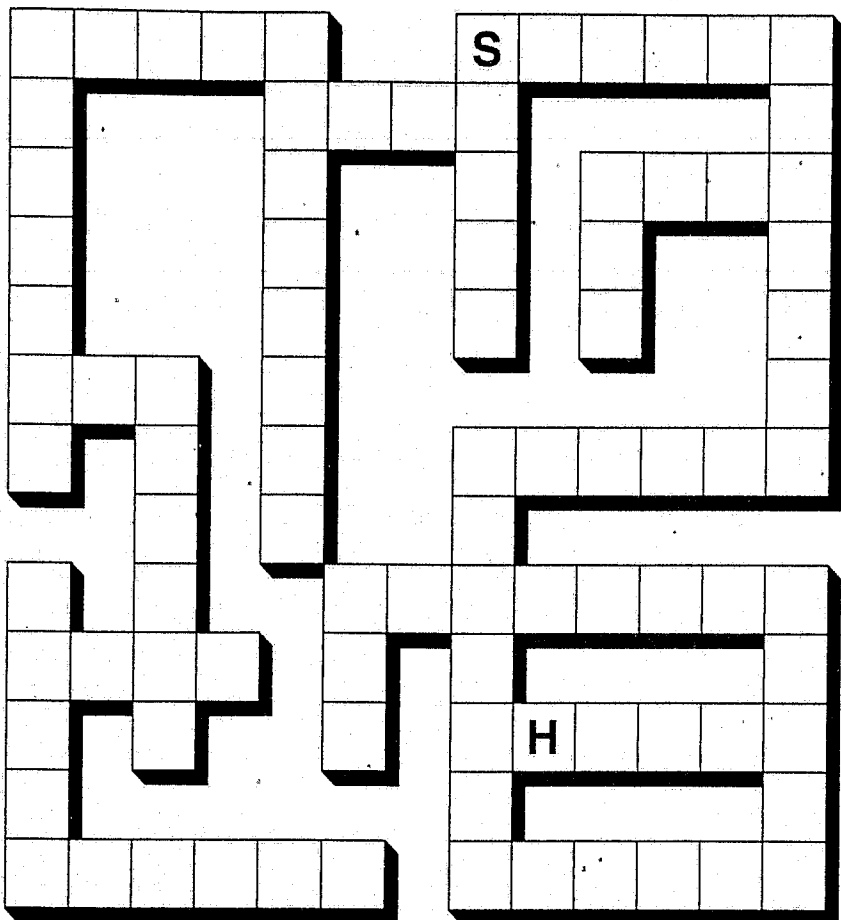
Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS – “AT” WORDS

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

- 3 Letters
CAT
MAT
OAT
- 4 Letters
ATOM
COAT
THAT
- 5 Letters
ATLAS
LATER
MATCH
STATE
- 6 Letters
HATBOX
PATROL
RATHER
SATURN
TATTOO
THROAT
- 7 Letters
AVIATOR
NATURAL
PLATTER
- 8 Letters
MEATBALL
STATIONS

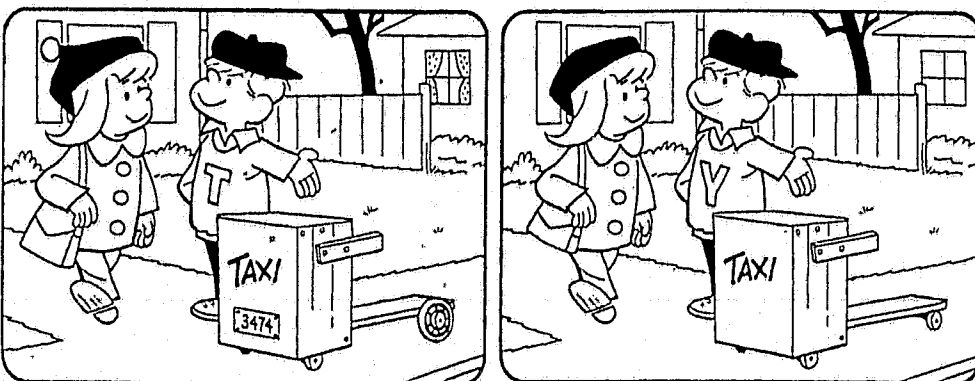


For more puzzle fun, go to www.brainzzles.com

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



- 1. Hat is different. 2. Pruse is smaller. 3. Letter on shirt is different. 4. License plate is missing. 5. Curtains are missing. 6. Wheel is different.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: G equals T

ZG GAV MUZDNZXYFH DTZFG,

GCU CUOXVOM JZTMVTB

ZSSEMVK UJ MUNVGAYFH

MAUEGVK “TBVM! ZTT TBVM!”

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

- Limber
GAILE
- Sharp
TRALE
- Glance
DANGER
- Polite
RADICOL

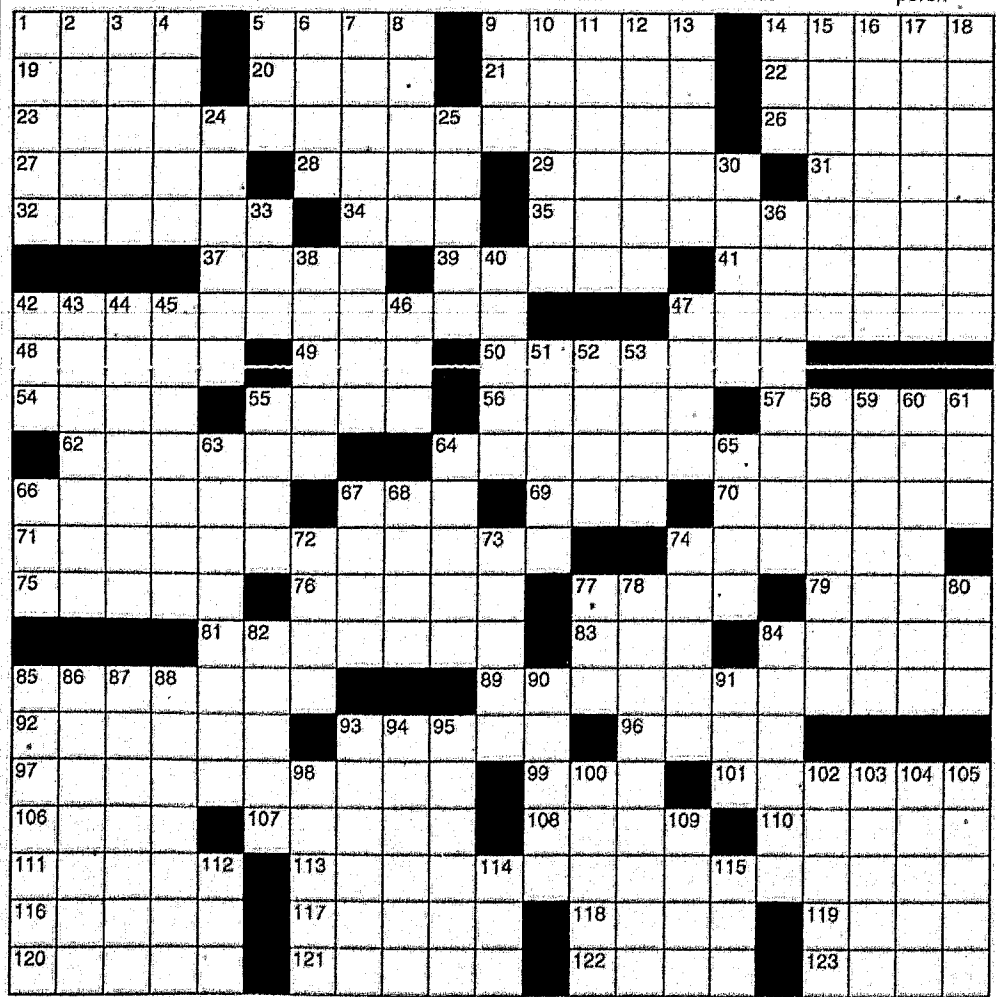
TODAY'S WORD

“I don't mind doing the dishes — after all, I do most of the _____ in this house!”

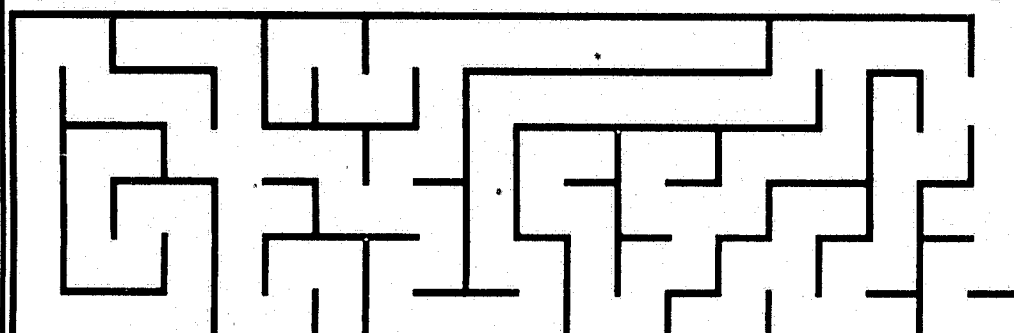
Super Crossword

A STEP BACKWARDS

- ACROSS
1 Sol, la or ti
5 Low-pitched
9 Salt Lake
14 City resident
19 Ahead by a single point
20 Otherworldly glow
21 Admit openly
21 Spanish appetizers
22 More sensible
23 Datum for a hard drive
26 Brand of fake fat
27 Geriatrics topic
28 Vegetable in Cajun cuisine
29 Beach birds
31 St. Patty's land
32 Gains' opposites
34 Australian avian
35 Defunct figure-skating show
37 Robin's place
39 Woven together
41 Take one's turn after all others
- 42 Actress married to Steven Spielberg
47 Develops an affinity for
48 Strong glue
49 MGM lion
50 Sling mud at
54 Mushy food
55 Itinerary info
56 Morganslern of 1970s TV
57 Hoarse
62 Evoke
64 Camera-to-computer upload
66 Like some sci-fi aliens, location-wise
67 Caterer's receptacle
69 Got the gold
70 Fruity frozen dessert
71 Jackson or Lincoln, e.g.
74 Lay to final rest
75 Actress Daly and novelist O'Connell
76 Largest frat. in the U.S.
77 Pooch name 2,002
79 Lowly worker
81 — la (utopia)
83 College e-mail ender
- 84 Supreme Court's Sotomayor
85 With 33-Down, arm of the Indian Ocean
89 Voyager Golden Record, e.g.
92 Roving sorts
93 Is sickeningly sweet
96 Old fruity soda
97 Sailor's reply
99 In shape
101 Should it happen that
106 Skinny Hagen
107 Epsom —
108 Redding with a Grammy
113 Snapshot go-withs
116 Edmund on “Miracle on 34th Street”
117 Apple messaging software
118 Like men
119 Ovid's 2,002
120 Swamp plant
121 Bête —
122 Multitude
- 123 Word hidden backwards in this puzzle's eight longest answers
DOWN
1 Vocally
2 Expenditure
3 Three, in Lille
4 Deserves
5 Bit of luggage
6 Chevrolet hatchback
7 Collection for a wrench
8 Hive cluster
9 Actress
10 Maneuver
11 Each
12 Strong dislike
13 It's Gonna Be Me” band
14 Mil. hangout
15 Sierra Nevada brew
16 New York tribe members
17 Least distant
18 Cuba's Guevara
24 Part of CIA
25 Cook Deen
30 Continuing dramas
33 See 85-Across
36 Kitty
38 Snowball impact sound
40 Extend — welcome
42 Beer cask
43 Galore
44 Moniker for TV's Tim Taylor
45 Make amends for
46 Sod-busting tool
47 — II (Gillette razor)
51 Stole's kin
52 — stick (jumping toy)
53 Utopia
55 The “D” of CD
58 Fate who cut the thread of life
59 Secondary option list
60 Heat to 212 degrees in advance
61 As of now
63 Old Toyota
64 Prefix with 39-Across
65 “It will come — surprise —”
66 East, in Bonn
- 67 Go — smoke
68 Bond girl player Diana
72 Hot — oven
73 “Tis — (“So sad”)
74 Draw out
77 Like women: Abbr.
78 Same
80 No, in Selkirk
82 Lock holders
84 Kind of piano
85 Comparable things
86 Sovereign's “I,” often
87 Revised
88 Supporting
90 “C — Cookie”
91 Food tuna
93 Tricolor cat
94 Chinese fruit
95 Car security system
98 Easy putt
100 Gossip tidbits
102 Pinch into small folds
103 Good smell
104 Kind of boom
105 — the Cow (milk mascot)
109 Markdawn
112 Shanghai-to-Tokyo dir.
114 Adaptable truck, briefly
115 Church perch



Kids' Maze

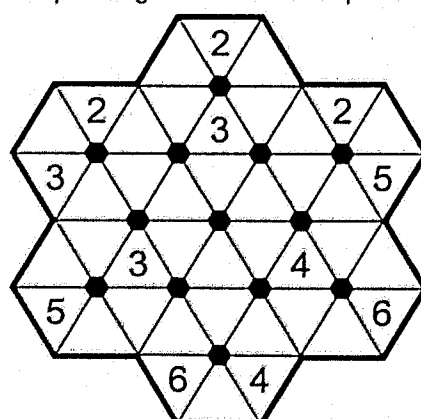


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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



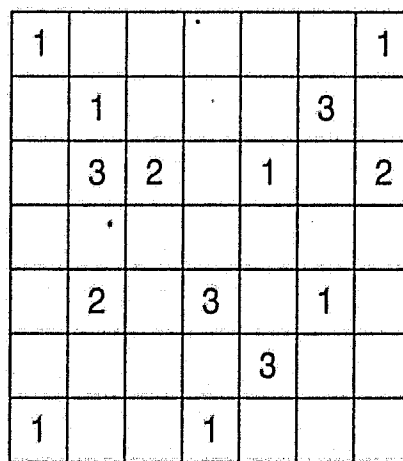
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦♦
♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦♦ Difficult

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Star★Map

By Linda Thistle

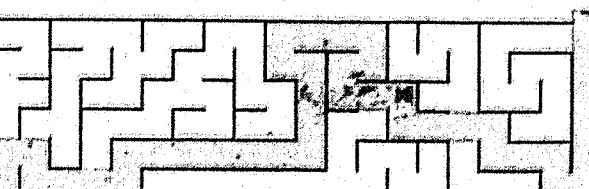
Draw a star in exactly 10 of the empty squares in the diagram below so that each numbered square accurately indicates how many immediately adjacent squares (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) contain a star.



DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Easy ★★ Moderate ★★★ YOWZA!

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Kids' Maze Solution

At the soapmaking plant, two workers falsely accused of something shouted “Lyes! All lyes!”

answer

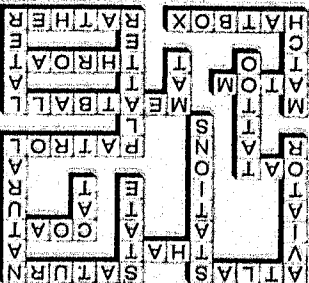
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SCRAMBLERS

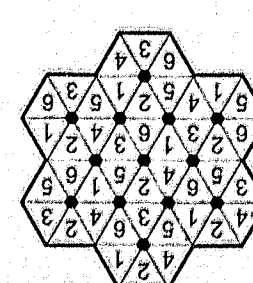
Today's Word

1. Agile 2. Alert 3. Gander 4. Cordal

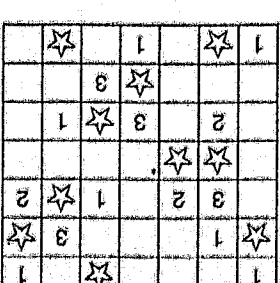
solution



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SNOWFLAKES



Star★Map

ANSWERS:

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Healthy Community Gatherings starting in Bethel

Can we build a better, healthier future for ourselves by building stronger social connections to each other? Put another way, can "community = cure" for difficult issues impacting our health? The Oxford County Wellness Collaborative thinks so, and continues to lead work aimed at this kind of positive change for the county.

Over the next several months the Oxford County Wellness Collaborative (OCWC) will be continuing a process of bringing together community members to deepen ties to one another and create a common vision for creating health in Oxford County. This work began in the summer of 2014 and will lead to a county-wide gathering on March 19 to identify one or two priority issues bearing on health in Oxford County.

This process is based on envisioning the possibilities for a vibrant healthy county and building connections between people that will allow our community to work together effectively to make Oxford County a better place. The OCWC is gathering people together at "Healthy Community Gatherings" (HCGs), to share thoughts, ideas and passion surrounding the belief that

as a community, we can take charge of creating a healthy life for all. As participants are empowered, support for this positive change increases, which in turn builds the foundation for true community action with greater impact on the challenges we tackle.

The Gatherings actively work to incorporate the "voice" of everyone, even those who feel their voice cannot be heard, due to the barriers of poverty, status, etc. This work is based on the belief that there is leadership and value in each member of our community, and a commitment to find a way to tap into that potential.

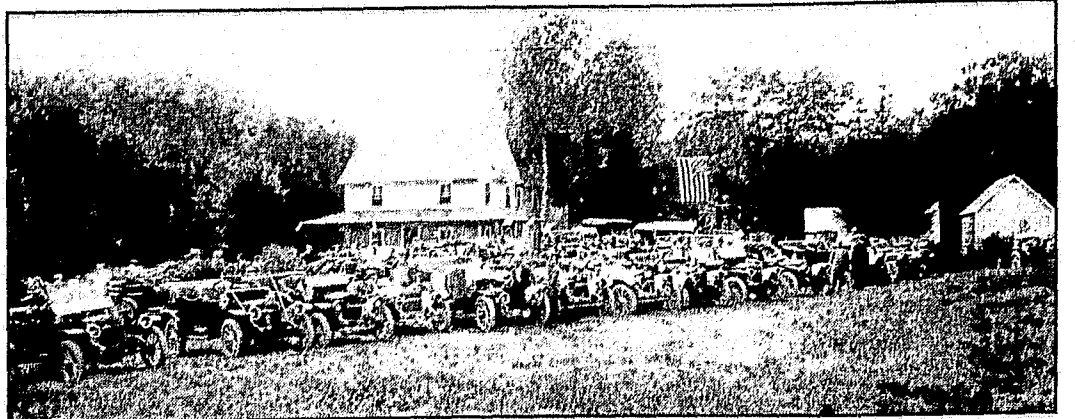
A six-week series of Healthy Community Gatherings will be starting in both Bethel and Fryeburg on March 7. The weekly gatherings will take place in Bethel at the Crescent Park Elementary School from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and in Fryeburg at the Fryeburg New Church (12 Oxford Street) from 1 to 2:30 p.m. (with a free lunch from 12:30 to 1). These events are open to all and the Wellness Collaborative welcomes you to attend.

If you are interested in participating in either of these offerings or organizing another in your area, call Brendan Schaffler, Network

Facilitator for the Oxford County Wellness Collaborative, at 739-6222.

Previous participants say they feel connected to each other and energized by the conversations and community building. After attending the first of several gatherings, a longtime community activist in Rumford said, "I don't feel so alone" in regards to his dedication to making a positive difference in his community. The conversations start by focusing on the possibilities of a future that does not exist yet, where our county is flourishing in all ways that create health. This is in contrast to the typical conversations addressing what is wrong, who is to blame and who (else) should fix it. The conversations embody the "aliveness" that is created when people sit together and share their vision for a better world, find common ground and from that place determine together what steps are next. On March 19 there will be a county-wide gathering (location to be determined) to determine a focus for creating a healthier Oxford County that we can all stand behind.

The Wellness Collaborative is currently providing "host" trainings for people who would like to facili-



EARLY "CAR SHOW"-This photo from the Bethel Historical Society shows a group of area auto owners gathering in Hanover in 1911 to display their cars and enjoy the location. "Cars were still a fairly unique sight (especially in large groups) at this time," said Randy Bennett, BHS executive director. "They had 'auto tours' of the mountains around Bethel, and sometimes the passengers had to get out so the car and driver could make the grades."

tate gatherings around Oxford County and encourages anyone who cares about the well-being of their community to participate. This training also offers real value for anyone who wants to deepen their facilitation skills and hold conversations that foster trust, commitment, and a sense of belonging. Barbara Rajaniemi, who attended a fall 2014 training in Rumford, shared that, "After the Host training I felt empowered, I felt my voice mattered, and I found myself being more aware of others and their needs and helping others feel that their voice matters too. I use what I learned in both my personal and professional life on a dai-

ly basis." She added that she would "encourage everyone to take advantage of this training, as I feel it would have a very positive effect on you and the way you think and feel." Other hosts share these feelings, and have appreciated building interpersonal skills and experience with public leadership. The training is free and does not require a commitment to participate in Healthy Community Gatherings work. However, trained hosts who go on to support Healthy Community Gatherings are eligible for a stipend for their work.

Food will be provided at the gatherings, as well as the trainings, and financial help is available to cover

transportation and childcare expenses. For more information about the Healthy Community Gatherings or host trainings, call Brendan at (207) 739-6222 or e-mail brendan@healthyoxfordhills.org.

The Oxford County Wellness Collaborative (OCWC) is a growing group of caring individuals and organizations who want to increase the health of Oxford County, making it the most desirable place to live, work, play and raise a family. The group is grounded in the belief that as individuals and organizations, we are most effective when working together towards a common goal rather than separately trying to reach the same goal.

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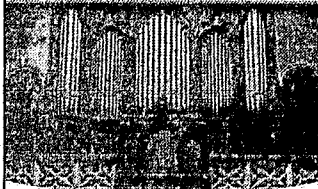
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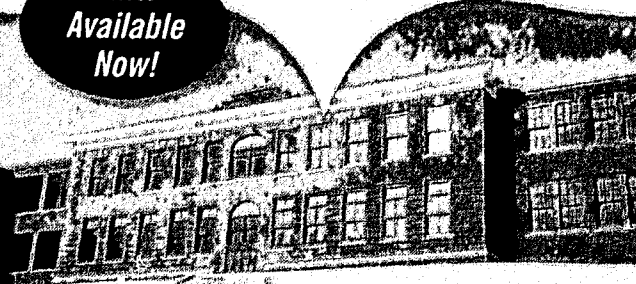
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Obituaries



WILMA JEAN RECTOR

Former Army Captain Wilma Jean (Clifford-Johnson) Rector of Hanover completed life's journey March 1, 2015, at Androscoggin Hospice House in Auburn after battling with Multiple Myeloma Cancer for 16 years. Wilma was the age of 62 and 10 months old, born to Ruby and Leonard Clifford on April 19, 1952 in Woodsville, N.H. Wilma's love was abounding, and known to all who had interactions with her. God, Family and Country were always her focus, and in that order, and there was always order.

Wilma graduated from Longmont High School [Colorado] in 1970 having been on the National Honor Society, and ranking ninth out of 569 students, and subsequently

received a scholarship to Walter Reed Army Nursing program. Wilma resigned her commission in 1977 and returned to Colorado with her family. Wilma later moved to Brunswick with her daughter in 1988, where she later met her husband Paul James Rector. They married on Sept. 13, 1990 and were blessed with nearly 25 years of marriage together.

Wilma is survived by her husband, James Rector; her ex-husband James H. Johnson and their daughter Leora Lyn Johnson; her mother Ruby Kulpa; her brother Frank Clifford; her brother David Clifford and sister, Patricia Emmer and their families as well as numerous extended family members throughout the Continental United States. Wilma was predeceased by her father Leonard S. Clifford, her older sister Joanne, her beloved Grandparents and many other family members.

Wilma requested in lieu of flowers that donations be made to the International Myeloma Foundation, The Patrick Dempsey Center or Androscoggin Home Health Care and Hospice House. She and her family were

so blessed for the wonderful support and care she received throughout her illness. Wilma left a beautiful impression on all those who met her. She will be missed, but we'll see her on the other side, and that was her comfort and joy in her final moments. Memorial Services will be held 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 8, 2015 at the Woodstock Seventh-day Adventist Church [43 Perkins Valley Rd.]; Bryant Pond; interment will be determined later in the spring.

Condolences may be expressed at www.funeralalternatives.net.

RICHARD C. VALENTINE

Richard C. Valentine of Bethel passed away on Feb. 19 at Ledgeview Living Center. He was 86.

Born on Dec. 24, 1928 in Wilkesburg, Pa., he attended local schools and graduated from University of Pittsburgh with a B.S. degree in geology in 1950. Upon graduation, he worked for the State of Pennsylvania Highway Dept. for nine months before joining the Air Force, which he served from 1951 to 1955 earning the rank of First Lieutenant.

After leaving the Air Force, he went to work at Hamilton Standard in Windsor Locks, Conn., where he was a Flight Test Engineer for 32 years. After his retirement, Dick and his wife Doris returned to Bethel

to enjoy their retirement there.

They worked on the Sunday River Ski Patrol for 13 years.

Dick was a member of the West Parish Congregational Church where he served as a trustee for three years and was a member of the choir.

He was a lifetime member of the Bethel Historical Society.

Dick was predeceased by his parents Nell and Carroll Valentine, his sister Mary and his wife Doris. Burial will be in the spring.

Reflections

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clude a pale yellow, pale green, and some are even striped. The flowers can be single like mine, double, miniature, and most have a trumpet-like shape, although a couple are somewhat spiderlike in appearance. Reproduction in some species occurs when tiny bulbs develop around the mother bulb. These bulbets are light and can easily be carried on the surface of flooding waters ensuring distribution during the rainy season. Some others are self-pollinating and reproduce by spreading seed. One of my children has a couple of baby amaryllis, that he raised from seed. (It's important to note that seeds do not breed true, and plants raised from seed take about six years to bloom). Cross-pollination occurs when pol-

linators like hummingbirds and moths visit the flowers. Intense cultivation of a number of species especially from Peru and Brazil has occurred because of the size and beauty of the flowers.

Most folks don't realize that amaryllis is also classified as an herb. Due to its high alkaloid content it has anti-anxiety, antidepressant, anticonvulsant medicinal properties and is used to treat Huntington's disease. It is also used to treat wounds.

I can't finish this article without discussing what I have learned about wintering over amaryllis for those who would like to save their bulbs. It's hard to believe that one bulb can bloom for seventy-five years! The one thing that prevents bulbs from re-blooming is overwatering. Lack of enough sun can also prevent bulbs from flowering in subsequent years. After each flower fades cut it back beyond the bulge or seeds will develop. When the last flower has finished blossoming, cut the stem off about two inches from the bottom. Then leave the bulb in a semi-sunny location, water when needed, and allow healthy green leaves to appear. You should

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